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States

Wildfires: The U.S. Forest Service says it is reconsidering the grounding of decades-old heavy air tankers to fight wildfires but the chances of using the planes are slim.

Corbin Newman, the agency's national fire plan coordinator, told the Western Governors Association on Sunday that the Forest Service and federal transportation officials have agreed to review proposals from new contractors to fly the tankers.

Federal officials grounded 33 tankers last month, two years after two planes broke up in the air, killing five people.

Conjoined twins: Four-month-old twins separated in successful surgery over the weekend can probably look forward to normal lives, doctors said Monday.

For now, twins Erin and Jade Buckles remained in critical but stable condition at Washington's Children's National Medical Center, but doctors said they were satisfied with their progress. Dr. Gary Hartman, the lead surgeon, said the twins probably will be taken off ventilators within a week to 10 days.

Parents Kevin a Marine Corps gunnery sergeant, and Melissa Buckles were elated by the twins' prognosis and said they were looking forward to life returning to normal.

Greenspan's fifth term: Alan Greenspan, who has steered the world's largest economy under four presidents, has been sworn in to his fifth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Greenspan, 78, took the oath of office Saturday at the Colorado home of former President Gerald Ford, the Federal Reserve said.

Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath to Greenspan in a private ceremony.

World

N. Korea nuclear talks: North Korea renewed its demand for aid in exchange for freezing nuclear development as it began talks Monday on ending a standoff with the United States over its weapons ambitions.

Diplomats from North Korea, the United States and four other nations met to discuss the agenda for high-level talks due to start Wednesday.

The other participants are host China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

SARS finding: The SARS virus was detected in tear drops taken from patients in Singapore last year, doctors in the city-state



Anti-terrorism exercise: British Rigid Raiders — fast military patrol crafts — race Monday during a major military training exercise involving 15 nations at the Royal Navy's Faslane Base in Scotland. The 10-day exercise on the west coast of Scotland is designed to prepare for the type of attack that killed 17 U.S. sailors aboard the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, in 2000. The Joint Maritime Course will be carried out across 14 areas of Scotland from the Hebrides in the north to Galloway in the south. Fifty watercraft, manned by thousands of personnel, will take part.

said Monday, raising the prospect that the disease may be easier to diagnose in the future.

The finding also may highlight one of the ways severe acute respiratory syndrome spreads, they said.

Philippine election: President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo thanked Filipinos on Monday for giving her a fresh six-year mandate after the final election tally showed her winning by 1.1 million votes, but the opposition disputed the result and soldiers were on high alert for unrest.

Castro's warnings: Fidel Castro predicted tough new American measures aimed at dislodging him will fail, and warned President Bush on Monday not to launch a military strike he said would provoke mass exodus and all-out war.

Unrest in Afghanistan: More NATO troops are urgently needed to secure Afghanistan ahead of September elections, the

top U.N. envoy in the country said Monday after militants attacked a voter registration office near the capital.

Assaults also killed an Afghan soldier, and injured a second, who were deployed to protect election workers in southern Kandahar province.

Jean Arnaud said that a wave of violence — including recent deadly attacks on foreigners and relief workers — showed increased "volatility" ahead of the polls.

Malaysia security talks: The U.S. military is offering to share intelligence and boost the "technical competency" of countries guarding the Malacca Straits against pirates and possible terrorist attacks, Malaysia's defense minister said Monday.

Malaysia would accept U.S. help, but would not let American forces join patrols in the parts of the straits it controls, Defense Minister Najib Razak said after holding talks with Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, the U.S. military's commander in the Pacific.

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They speak for those who cannot

Student nurses who survived the Battle of Okinawa continue to campaign against war

BY DAVID ALLEN
AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

ITOMAN, Okinawa — The Battle of Okinawa ended 59 years ago Wednesday, but time has not dimmed the memories of survivors of World War II's bloodiest Pacific theater campaign.

Among Japanese and Americans attending the annual memorial at Peace Prayer Park will be survivors of a special group of Okinawans who continue to press their message to the world: "Don't let this happen again."

The memorial honors all the people who died during the 83-day engagement that began April 1, 1945 — one of the war's fiercest battles involving U.S. troops in the Pacific. More than 200,000 were killed: 12,281 Americans, 110,000 Japanese soldiers and Okinawan conscripts and some 150,000 Okinawan civilians — a third of the island's population.

Names of all the dead are inscribed on black granite walls arranged like the "V" formations of birds taking flight to the sea. Among the names are those of 123 female students pressed into service as nursing aides during the battle, which has come to be called the "Typhoon of Steel."

Many were classmates of Tsuru Motomura, 79, curator of the Himeyuri Peace Museum in Itoman, near Peace Prayer Park. The student nurses were known as the Himeyuri, "Princess Lily" Girls. Daughters of Okinawa's privileged class, they attended one of two exclusive Naha high schools. Most hoped to become teachers.

Motomura was one of 222 girls from her school pressed into service as Japanese army nurses.

More than 100 of them perished. "It is my duty and the duty of those who survived the war to tell

"The original [Himeyuri Peace Museum], built 15 years ago by the surviving students, was designed to convey a message of war and peace through displays and the testimony of the survivors, the eyewitnesses."

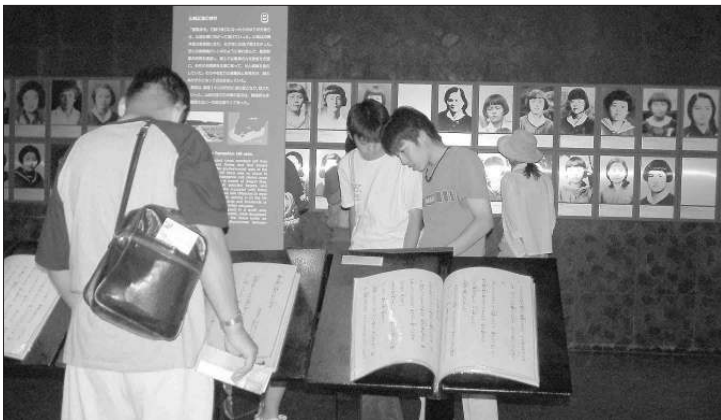


Tsuru Motomura
Museum curator

"However, all of us are already over 75 years old and we cannot come to the museum forever to tell our stories."

The new museum is designed to let the displayed items speak for themselves," she said, "with detailed captions" in Japanese and English.

In March 1945, the girls and 18



DAVID ALLEN/Stars and Stripes

Visitors to the Himeyuri Peace Museum read the testimonies of the girls pressed into service as nurses' aides during the Battle of Okinawa. Of 222 who toiled under intolerable conditions in the hospital caves of the Japanese Imperial Army, 123 were killed.

teachers were conscripted as nurses' aides and assigned to the Japanese Army Field Hospital in Haeburu village. The hospital was in a series of caves dug into a grassy ridge. The girls had several years of military-type training; hours of indoctrination had replaced subjects such as English; physical education shifted from learning traditional dances to marching in step.

But nothing, survivors said, prepared them for what was to follow. "News of their mobilization

died during the battle, most after being released from duty and abandoned to wander the battlefield. Another 87, who had been allowed to go home, also perished. Before World War II, 21 junior high and high schools operated on Okinawa. All their students eventually were sent to the front lines. Girls became student nurses; boys became messengers and laborers in the "Iron and Blood Corps."

"As the units that had retreated to the south were decimated, some students were given improvised bombs and were made to perform suicide attacks on U.S. tanks," a display at the museum states.

Motomura was among students sent to the Haeburu field hospital — about 40 crowded caves filled with the wounded and dying.

"It was dark and humid and unsanitary," she said. "There was no adequate treatment of the wounded; their condition was indescribably bad. All the wounded soldiers were infested with maggots, especially

their mouths and ears, and it was the job of the student nurses to remove the maggots from their wounds."

But at least the caves were safer than the battlefield. One June 18, just 20 students had been killed. But on that date the Japanese army released them from their duties. "We were told

to leave our caves and find a safe place on our own," Motomura said. "There was no way to find safe shelter, so we hid behind what was left of the trees and rocks."

During the final five days of the battle, 100 girls were killed. Motomura and a classmate decided to try to seek safety in northern Okinawa by walking along the eastern shoreline.

U.S. soldiers captured them near Urasoe. She was taken to a refugee camp, where she cared for orphans. She wasn't reunited with what was left of her family until the next January. Four brothers and a sister had died; her mother and sole surviving sister had malaria.

"After I was captured and assured of safety, I felt no relief or happiness," Motomura said, closing her eyes and bowing her head. "I lost so many of my friends. They all died and I was not sure if it was right for me to continue to stay alive."

"It was not until I saw my father that I truly felt thankful for having survived. About 900,000 people visit the museum annually. Motomura said the message is simple: "Life is more precious than anything

else. We hope the museum helps people to think about peace and what each one can do to establish and maintain peace throughout the world."

A fellow student, Kiyoko Miyagi, now 78, has dedicated her life to the Okinawa peace movement. The retired teacher lives in Henoko, where Japan plans to build an airport to replace Futatabi Marine Corps Air Sta.

"Countless precious lives were lost during the war. War should never be allowed to happen."



Kiyoko Miyagi
Fellow student nurse, peace activist

tion. She has allowed peace activists to use her property near the Henoko fishing port.

Daily since the beginning of April they have prevented surveyors from conducting an environmental survey of the waters where the new base is to be built.

"I travel throughout Japan to tell our stories," she said, sitting in her small karaoke bar in the village. "Countless precious lives were lost during the war. War should never be allowed to happen. I will do whatever it takes to stop anything that might lead to war — including this new military base. I am resolved not to let our children and grandchildren experience what I had gone through."

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Texas hometowns connect two Atsugi sailors

BY JULIANA GITTER

Stars and Stripes

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — There's something about a west Texas upbringing that leaves an indelible mark on a person.

That distinction helped two air wing sailors become close friends nearly a decade after leaving their small Texas towns, and ending up around the world in the same Navy strike fighter squadron.

Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Lovelace, 31, an aviation machinist's mate, hails from Abernathy, Texas — a few miles from Lubbock, Texas — with a population of about 2,400.

Petty Officer 1st Class Jorge Gonzalez, 28, an aviation ordnance man, is from New Deal, Texas, located between Abernathy and Lubbock, with a population of about 1,500.

Their lives have an uncanny sameness: they both made E-6 this year and previously were the top-ranked E-5s in their squadron; they're both married with two children; both want to become limited-duty officers, a special officer advancement program for enlisted sailors; and both hope to retire in Texas, but somewhere a little farther east where it's not quite so dry, they say.

The two met about 1½ years ago, shortly after joining Strike Fighter Squadron 102, located at the time in Lemoore, Calif. Their



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Petty Officers 1st Class Joe Lovelace, left, and Jorge Gonzalez of Strike Fighter Squadron 102 discovered they had something in common when they found they were both from neighboring small towns in west Texas.

wives made the connection while chatting at a spaghetti dinner.

The sailors then sought each other out and became fast friends.

"There was so much irony about us meeting," Lovelace said. "It's crazy to us that we meet each other this far away."

A few months ago, the entire squadron moved to Atsugi from California to replace outgoing Fighter Squadron 154.

Now they're neighbors who share a yard. They're friends, their wives are friends and their youngest kids are best buddies.

It was a surprise when they met but it's a greater surprise how close they've become. They still talk about things back home, such as the Waterburger chain and Brady's Dairy Queen. Growing up they each watched the other's high school sports team play.

"It's definitely a conversation piece," Lovelace said. "We're all about Texas."

That commonality ends, however, as soon as they talk college sports. While Gonzalez is a Texas Tech Red Raiders fan, Lovelace follows the University of Texas Longhorns.

"I think that's the only thing we don't agree about," Lovelace said.

The two Texans say it isn't so unusual finding someone from the same hometown in the military. But it's unusual to find two people in the same small unit who are so alike.

"We really believe our upbringing has had a lot of effect on our work ethic and our success here," Lovelace said. "When you're raised in west Texas you're raised a certain way. We realized that after we got to know each other."

Gonzalez agreed. "We put that ethic to work here."

Before their recent promotions, they were the top two ranked E-5 sailors in their squadron. They have similar goals, backgrounds, upbringing and future plans.

They share stories of home, but only Lovelace's wife, Christie, can truly bring home to Japan.

"My wife does a good job bringing back all Texas recipes, or putting the flavor of Texas in our house," Lovelace said.

Gonzalez, whose wife, Sara, is from California, isn't quite there yet.

"Mine's learning," he joked.

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Response exercises

Hazardous materials response exercises were to be conducted from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 22 at different locations on Naval Base Guam, Polaris Point and Nimitz Hill, Naval Forces Marianas announced Monday.

The exercises, to be conducted by Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Public Safety Directorate, were not expected to interfere with traffic on public roads, according to Naval Forces Marianas Public Affairs Office.

Inspection passed

Sailors of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment (AIMD) at Misawa Naval Air Facility, Japan, passed a June 1 through June 4 aviation maintenance inspection with flying colors, officials said.

The detachment last underwent this inspection three years ago. The unit's primary mission is to provide maintenance support to deployed P-3 Orion and brief repairs to visiting carrier air wings, Marine air groups and other aircraft.

The Aviation Maintenance Management Team — nine aviation specialists who are E-7s or above — conducted the inspection. To pass, the team focused primarily on aircraft maintenance, officials said. The detachment also was evaluated on its knowledge of the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program Manual 4790.2H.

The successful inspection means the detachment can add to its roster personnel from the naval air facility at Whidbey Island, Wash., and the Marine Corps air station at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

From staff reports

Nurses: Hospital cave horrors

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Miyagi also was assigned to the Haeburu hospital caves, where she saw soldiers have their limbs amputated without adequate anesthesia.

One of her duties was to bury the amputated limbs.

The worst time was when the unit was deactivated, she said. "An army doctor distributed hand grenades and cyanide to all of us." But even though she'd been taught U.S. soldiers would rape and kill her, she said, she could not bring herself to commit suicide.

She was captured after spending a few days among the rocks

on the Kiyan Peninsula, going out only at night to forage for food.

"We were hiding between rocks on a cliff when the enemy found us and started pouring gasoline from above both sides of the cliff to set it afire," Miyagi said. "With no other choice but to be burned, we climbed the cliff and saw American soldiers pointing their guns at us. It was the first time in my life that I saw blue eyes."

It is those experiences the Himeyuri Girls share with anyone who will listen. There are now only 85 survivors. They speak, they say, for the ones who can't.

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The Himeyuri Peace Museum was opened 15 years ago to "expose the brutality and insanity of war."

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IN THE WORLD

South Korea stands firm in hostage crisis

3,000 troops headed to northern Iraq still on schedule

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea said Monday it will go ahead with plans to send troops to Iraq despite the abduction of a South Korean man and the televised broadcast of his desperate pleas to stay alive.

The kidnapping tested South Korea's resolve just days after the U.S. ally announced it will dispatch 3,000 troops to assist in reconstruction efforts in northern Iraq. Once the deployment is complete, South Korea will be the largest coalition partner after the United States and Britain.

On Sunday, the Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape purportedly from al-Qaida-linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life and pleading with his government to withdraw troops from Iraq.

In Seoul, hundreds of protesters attended a candlelight vigil Monday night to demand the release of the man, Kim Sun-il, and a reversal to the troop dispatch. Some held placards reading "Sending the troops kills, kills, kills."

A similar rally was scheduled for South Korea's second largest city, Pusan, while demonstrators staged a sit-in outside the ruling Uri Party headquarters in the southwestern city of Gwangju.

South Korean media said Kim, 33, is an employee of South Korea's Gana General Trading Co., a supplier for the U.S. military.

As many as 10 other foreigners are being held with Kim, including a European journalist and "third country" employees for the U.S.-based contractor Kellogg Brown & Root, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing Kim's employer.

Kim Chun-ho, head of Gana General Trading, told a Yonhap reporter in Baghdad by phone from Mosul that some of the abductees were seen by an Iraqi go-between who had visited the kidnappers to try to negotiate the South Korean's release.

The report could not immediately be confirmed.

In the videotape, the kidnappers identified themselves as belonging to a group led by Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. They gave South Korea 24 hours from sundown

Sunday Iraq time to meet their demand or "we will send you the head of this Korean."

Officials of South Korea's National Security Council, and the ministries of foreign affairs and defense, hastily met after news broke of the abduction.

"There is no change in the government's spirit and position that it will send troops to Iraq to help establish peace and rebuild Iraq," Deputy Foreign Minister Choi Young-jin said at a news conference.

President Roh Moo-hyun said the incident was "deeply unfortunate and regrettable" and instructed his government to do all it can to win the release of the hostage. Roh's office said in a statement.

"President Roh instructed the government to increase efforts to explain to the Iraqi people that South Korea is sending troops to Iraq not to engage in hostile acts against Iraq, but to focus on assisting reconstruction there," the statement said.

Later Monday, South Korea's Defense Ministry said that its military medics in southern Iraq had suspended free medical treatment to Iraqi patients out of safety concerns.



A man identified as South Korean Kim Sun-il, is seen in this image taken from an undated but recent video obtained by Al-Jazeera television station on Sunday.

About 600 South Korean troops, mostly medics and engineers, have been stationed in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah since last year. The unit's 14 military doctors have given free treatment to an estimated 20,000 Iraqi patients over the period, according to Maj. Chun Heung-soo, a ministry spokesman.

"We will resume our medical service as soon as the situation improves," he said.

Kim was abducted on June 17 while making a delivery in the city of Fallujah, Choi said. Gana's president, Kim Chun-ho, tried to negotiate his employee's release before notifying the government, Choi said.

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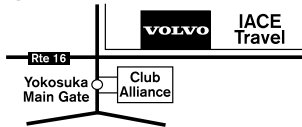
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Saudis deny aiding kidnapping of American

BY SALAH NASRAWI

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The al-Qaida group responsible for beheading an American engineer said sympathizers in the Saudi security forces provided police uniforms and cars used during the victim's kidnapping, according to an Islamic extremist Web site. But Saudi officials deny any involvement.

The account on Sunday of the abduction of Paul Johnson Jr., who was later decapitated, highlighted the fears that militants have infiltrated Saudi security forces — a possibility Saudi officials deny.

"The notion that our security services are infiltrated by terrorists really doesn't hold. If that were the case, they would not be going after soft targets, they would be going after government installations," Adel al-Jubeir, Crown Prince Abdullah's foreign affairs adviser in Washington,

First elections in 40 years likely to be delayed

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Late last year, Saudi Arabia announced its first exercise in democracy since the 1960s — a vote on municipal councils.

Since the announcement, however, hardly a word has been heard about the ballot, and many Saudis have been wondering if preparations for it will be completed by October.

The recent surge in violence is adding to those doubts.

There has been no nationwide campaign to educate voters, no registration lists, no date announced for balloting.

"There are many questions that need answers

and until now there are no answers," said Turki al-Hamad, a prominent columnist and writer. "Who's eligible to vote? What are age limits? Who can run? What powers will the council have? When will the elections take place?"

Diplomats say that for the government to implement reforms like municipal elections, it has to be strong enough to stand up to the extremists likely to oppose it.

But with all its energy concentrated on fighting chronic violence, many observers see little likelihood of the government sticking to its original intention to hold the ballot this year.

— The Associated Press

the kidnapping.

On Sunday, police continued their search for Johnson's body and the militants involved in his death. Police cars, armored vehicles and a large contingent of emergency forces blockaded the al-Malaz area Sunday in a search for suspects, security officials said. Hours later, the blockade was lifted and security forces left. It was unclear whether anyone was arrested.

On Monday, Saudi newspapers and several news analysts predicted Saleh Mohammed al-Aoufi would most likely take over leadership of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia. Al-Aoufi reportedly trained with the Saudi military and worked as a prison guard before joining Muslim militants in Afghanistan.

Previous leader Abdulaziz al-Mogrin, mastermind of the kidnapping and beheading of Johnson, was killed in a shootout with Saudi police Friday. Al-Aoufi is fifth on the Saudi government list of most wanted terrorists.

said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Police and military uniforms would be easy to find without assistance, he said, and Saudi authorities found in one of their raids on a terror base cars that had been painted to look like police cars.

The article recounting the abduction appeared in *Savt*

al-Jihad, or Voice of the Holy War, a semimonthly Internet periodical posted by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula — the group that claimed responsibility for killing Johnson.

According to the account, militants wearing police uniforms and using police cars set up a fake checkpoint June 12 on al-Khad-

ma Road, leading to the airport, near Imam Mohammed bin Saud University.

When Johnson's car approached the checkpoint, the militants stopped it, detained him, immobilized him and carried him to another car, the article said. Earlier Saudi newspaper reports said Johnson was dragged during

Vietnamese man has many good hair years

The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A Vietnamese man who hasn't been to a barber in 31 years is trying to get in the Guinness World Records for having the longest hair, state-controlled media reported Monday.

Tran Van Hay's hair is 20 feet long, Thanh Nien (Young People) newspaper said.

Normally tied up and covered by a scarf, his hair has grown four feet in the past seven years.

He last had it washed six years ago, the paper said.

Hay, 67, is a traditional medicine practitioner from southern Kien Giang province, some 220 miles southwest of Ho Chi Minh City.

He provides free treatment to villagers in the region.

The Guinness Web site says the current record for long hair, set in 1997, is held by Hoo Satow of Chiang Mai, Thailand, at 16 feet 11 inches.



Tran Van Hay, 67, from Chau Thanh district in the southern Kien Giang province of Vietnam, poses with his 20.34 feet of hair on Saturday. Hay had not had his hair cut in 31 years.

U.S. oversees six-day exercise in Taiwan

The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The United States has helped Taiwan conduct a computer-simulated war game that pitted Taiwanese troops against invading Chinese forces, officials said Monday.

About 60 U.S. military experts and officers monitored the six-day exercise as part of the close military cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, Defense Minister Li Chieh said.

Li didn't give details of the exercise, which ended Saturday.

But the local China Times newspaper said the game involved a Chinese missile attack while Taiwanese F-16 fighter jets fired U.S.-made AIM-120 mid-range missiles at Chinese Su-30s.

The report added that the

Americans trained Taiwanese officers to use the U.S.-designed computer system in preparation for a joint U.S.-Taiwan simulated war game next year, which will be the first involving U.S. troops in a simulated Taiwan-China conflict.

Beijing did not immediately respond to the latest exercise.

China and Taiwan split amid civil war in 1949, but Beijing regards the self-ruled island as part of its territory and has threatened to use force to retake it.

Although the United States doesn't have formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, it does provide the island with arms to defend itself.

Beijing has grumbled in the past about U.S. military sales to the island, saying they could derail China-U.S. relations.

The recent game is part of Taiwan's annual Hunkang, or Chinese Glory, military exercises, which will include a live-fire drill in August involving the army and air force.

This year's drills have drawn more public attention because China has dramatically increased its military budget, threatening the balance of power in the Taiwan Strait.

Defense Minister Li on Monday noted China's moves to bolster its military.

"The Chinese communists have significantly increased their defense budget and expanded their military might in recent years," Li said. "They are becoming a regional hegemony."

Meanwhile, Vice Defense Minister Tsai Ming-hsien said Taiwan also hopes Japan would join next year's computer-simulated war-game.

"Peace in the Asian-Pacific region is not a matter of concern to Taiwan and the United States only," Tsai said. "Japan and other Asian countries are also concerned."

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Reader's Digest wants to find out which military service is the funniest.

The monthly magazine is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its "Humor in Uniform" column by running a contest to find the most humorous anecdotes from military life. Active-duty, Reserve and retired servicemen and their families can participate.

Entries must be submitted to www.rd.com/starsandstripes by June 30. They also can be mailed to: "The Funniest Branch of the Military Contest," Reader's Digest, P.O. Box 1598, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Entries must include the entrant's full name, e-mail address and street address. Anecdotes should be no more than 100 words, true, original and related to the armed services.

The magazine's editors will select finalists from each service to appear in the September edition. Readers will then be asked to log on to www.rd.com to choose their favorite, and their votes will determine the winner.

The winner will receive an expense-paid trip for two to St. Kitts, Montserrat & Royal Beach Casino in the Caribbean. The other four finalists will receive \$500. Those whose stories are selected for publication in future "Humor in Uniform" columns will receive \$300.

Cls' lawyers win right to question top officers

Sanchez, Abizaid testimony may be sought in prison abuse trials; Abu Ghraib demolition blocked

BY FISNIK ABRASHI
AND JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Defense lawyers for soldiers on trial in the Iraqi prisoner abuse case won permission Monday to question two top U.S. generals, and the military judge ordered that the Abu Ghraib prison not be torn down because it is a crime scene.

The judge also refused to move the trials of Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr., Sgt. Javal S. Davis and Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick II outside Iraq.

The judge, Col. James Pohl, left open the possibility of calling other senior figures if the defense could show their testimony was relevant — which Guy Womack, the civilian lawyer for Graner, said the lawyers intended to do.

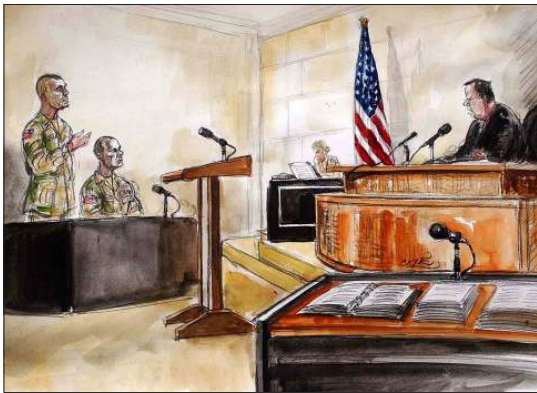
Womack said outside the pretrial hearing that there was "a good chance" he would seek to question Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Civil lawyers for Davis and Graner won permission to seek testimony from the top U.S. general in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez and from the chief of the U.S. Central Command, Gen. John Abizaid.

Davis' civil lawyer, Paul Bergin, also has said he wants to question President Bush. Rumsfeld told the prisoner abuse, though he did not formally present a request.

"We would like to interview Bush because we know as a matter of fact that President Bush changed the rules of engagement for intelligence acquisition," Bergin said Monday.

Lawyers for Davis and Graner also sought unsuccessfully to have the trial moved to the United States or Germany. However, Pohl said he might reconsider his ruling if future events in Iraq precluded a fair trial.



A court-artist sketch shows, from left, Defense Counsel Capt. Robert Shuck, defendant Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick II and military judge Col. James Pohl in the courtroom inside the heavily guarded Green Zone on Monday in Baghdad. Defendants Frederick, Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr. and Sgt. Javal S. Davis face criminal charges in the mistreatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib detention facility in western Baghdad.

No date for a trial has been set, but Womack told reporters he did not believe it would begin before October.

After the pretrial hearing in Baghdad, lawyers for the three defendants said their clients would be following orders by senior officers and military intelligence.

"We can't have American soldiers in a war zone questioning the legality of orders," Womack told reporters.

Pohl postponed a pretrial hearing for Frederick until July 23, after his civilian lawyer failed to appear and the defendant refused to waive his right to co-counsel.

Attorney Gary Myers said the trip to Baghdad would have cost too much. Pohl criticized Myers for seeking to participate in the hearing by telephone and the defense lawyer's motion.

Frederick's military lawyer, Capt. Robert Shuck, told Pohl

that Myers wanted to participate by phone because coming to Iraq "places people in peril for their lives."

But Myers said his principal reason for not attending was the cost.

"I think we were looking in the \$3,000-to-\$4,000 range, and these kinds of out-of-pocket costs are not available to my client every time something happens over there," Myers said from his home in Weare, N.H.

"We would like to interview Bush because we know as a matter of fact that President Bush changed the rules of engagement for intelligence acquisition."

Paul Bergin

Javal S. Davis' civil lawyer

He said he has participated by phone in military court proceedings in other cases, but he acknowledged wanting to underscore his argument that Frederick's trial should be moved to Germany or the United States.

"We are very definitely making the point that it is an inappropriate location for this trial," Myers said. "The bottom line is, this is a difficult place to try a case and to bring witnesses."

Pohl declared the Abu Ghraib prison a crime scene and said it could not be destroyed prior to a verdict. Bush had offered to dismantle Abu Ghraib to help remove the stain of torture and abuse from the new Iraq — an offer Iraqi officials had already dismissed, saying it would be a waste of the building. Saddam Hussein used Abu Ghraib to torture and murder his opponents.

The hearings took place in the Baghdad Convention Center in the heavily guarded Green Zone.

Davis' attorney, Paul Bergin, said he would seek to question President Bush.

Insurgents gun down 4 U.S. Marines

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents gunned down four U.S. Marines west of Baghdad, and Iraq resumed oil exports Monday, six days after insurgents blasted pipelines carrying crude oil to the Basra terminal on the Gulf.

A U.S. Army soldier was killed and seven others were wounded in a mortar attack in north-central Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The casualties indicated no let up in attacks against Americans as the June 30 transfer of sovereignty draws near.

Iraqi officials have announced stepped up measures to protect the oil industry — the foundation of the nation's economy.

A videotape delivered Monday to Associated Press Television News showed four Americans in uniform lying dead in what appeared to be a walled compound in Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 60 miles west of Baghdad. One of the Americans was slumped in the corner of the wall.

The bodies had no flask vests — mandatory for U.S. troops operating in contested areas — and at least one was missing a foot.

One fieldpack was left open next to a body as if the attackers had looted the dead before fleeing.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, confirmed the killings but gave few details. He said a U.S. quick reaction force found the bodies after the troops failed to report to their headquarters as required.

American officials had been concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Ramadi, located along a belt of Sunni militancy running westward from Baghdad along the Euphrates river.

Last week, seven Iraqi Civil Defense Corps members were arrested for planting a roadside bomb that killed policeman and injured seven civilians in Ramadi.

Most of the kidnappings of foreigners over the past two months are believed to have occurred along that belt.

On Saturday, a U.S. airstrike destroyed a house in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, which the United States said was a hide-out for the group led by Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Kimmitt told reporters Monday that the attack killed "key personnel in the Zarqawi network" although he would not confirm that any foreign fighters were among the dead.

In Fallujah, long one of the centers of anti-American militancy, maintain that the attack killed only Iraqi civilians. The Iraqi Health Ministry said at least 17 people died.

Chanting anti-U.S. slogans, hundreds rallied in Fallujah on Monday to protest the American airstrike. Demonstrators accused the Americans of falsely claiming that al-Zarqawi had sought refuge in Fallujah to create an excuse to attack the city. Elsewhere, five Iraqi contractors were killed Monday in an ambush on their three-vehicle convoy 30 miles south of Mosul. The U.S. command said two others were wounded.

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IN THE STATES

1st private space flight succeeds

BY JOHN ANTICZAK
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — A rocket plane soared above Earth's atmosphere Monday in the first privately financed manned spaceflight, then glided back to Earth for an unpowered landing.

SpaceShipOne pilot Mike Melvill was aiming to fly 62 miles above the Earth's surface and it just exceeded that goal, reaching 62.1 miles, according to radar data.

The ship touched down at Mojave Airport to applause and cheers about 90 minutes after it was carried aloft slung under the belly of the jet-powered White Knight.

At about 46,000 feet, SpaceShipOne was released.

"Beautiful sight, Mike," mission control said to Melvill as the gliding spaceship slowly circled toward its landing.

Later, standing on the tarmac beside the ship, Melvill said seeing the Earth from outside the atmosphere was "almost a religious experience."

Federal Aviation Administration representative Patricia Grace Smith presented Melvill with the agency's first commercial astronaut wings.

And aboard the international space station,



Pilot Mike Melvill is flanked by project backer Paul Allen, left, and aerospace engineer Burt Rutan on Monday as they celebrate next to SpaceShipOne after it landed at the Mojave, Calif., airport. SpaceShipOne is a privately developed rocket plane that became the world's first commercial manned space vehicle and the first nongovernment flight to leave the atmosphere.

orbiting 225 miles above Earth, astronaut Mike Fincke declared the flight "fantastic."

The court was unanimous in saying that two HMO patients in Texas cannot pursue big malpractice or negligence cases against their insurers in state court, as they claimed a Texas patient protection law allowed them to do.

weapon that trial lawyers and patient rights advocates said was crucial to keep the insurers honest.

The biggest question unresolved until Monday was whether patients could seek hefty damage awards in state courts.

Insurers have claimed that patients could only go to federal court, and then only to recover the value of whatever benefit the HMO denied.

The ruling weakens the Texas patient protection law and those of other states.

The court based its ruling on the language of a 30-year-old federal

law, originally meant to protect employee pensions and other benefits, but now applied to the managed care industry.

The law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or ERISA, forces the HMO patients at issue in the case to sue only in federal courts, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court.

The case concerns a gray area of medicine and insurance, in which decisions about what treatment to pursue and what coverage to offer are mingled. The situation arises frequently in managed care, where doctors belong to a closed network of providers overseen by administrators who may not be doctors but who nonetheless decide what the company will pay for.

The court ruled against a hysterectomy patient, Ruby Calad, of Sugar Land, who had claimed that Cigna Healthcare of Texas essentially evicted her from a Houston hospital after only one day of recovery.

co-founder Paul Allen, who would only describe the cost as being in excess of \$20 million.

SpaceShipOne is the leading contender for the Ansari X Prize, a \$10 million award for the first privately financed three-seat spacecraft to reach 62 miles and repeat the feat within two weeks.

Court sides with HMOs on malpractice

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday that patients who claim their HMOs wouldn't pay for recommended medical care cannot sue big malpractice damages, removing a

Other rulings

■ Ruled that people do not have a constitutional right to refuse to tell police their names. The 5-4 decision forces the government to arrest and punish people who won't cooperate by revealing their identity.

■ Ruled that a U.S. judge has the power to force the world's largest computer chip-maker, California-based Intel Corp., to turn over records to foreign regulators.

Justices decided on a 7-1 vote that a federal law gives American judges discretion to help people or governments obtain testimony or information for use in foreign or international tribunals, such as overseas criminal prosecutions.

■ Allowed a lawsuit to proceed that accuses the Archdiocese of Milwaukee of transferring a child molester from Wisconsin to work as a Roman Catholic priest in California.

■ Turned aside an appeal from the family of a guest murdered days after he admitted a secret crush on another man during the taping of the "Jenny Jones Show."

■ Turned down an opportunity to weigh whether a lower court was wrong to rule that Southeastern California's Imperial Valley has serious air pollution problems.

■ Refused to consider the death of a South Carolina death row inmate convicted of killing two third-graders during a shooting spree at an elementary school in 1988. Mental health groups had urged it to use Janet Wilson's case to decide if it is unconstitutional for states to execute people who were seriously mentally ill when they committed their crime.

The Associated Press

9/11 panel may endorse centralizing intelligence

BY PETE YOST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A member of the Sept. 11 commission predicts the panel will support centralization of the nation's intelligence agencies as the only way to prevent future terrorist attacks.

"You're going to see unanimous recommendations on the intelligence community... They couldn't distinguish between a bicycle crash and a train wreck," commissioner John Lehman, a Republican, said Sunday in previewing a final report due for completion next month.

Centralization will enable information to be gotten to people "in a position to make a difference," the former secretary of the Navy said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Change must be fundamental, Lehman said, "not just tweaking and moving the deck chairs or the organization boxes around," and the FBI should undergo a transformation as well.

He said FBI Director Robert Mueller on the right track, but "we probably will go further in our recommendations to institutionalize changes" at the bureau. The comments came amid a debate over the Bush administration's insistence that there were close ties between al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein, an assertion that provided the White House with an important justification for invading Iraq.

A commission staff report, released last week, said there were contacts between Osama bin Laden's terror network and the Iraqi government, but they did not appear to have collaborated.

Commission chairman Thomas Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey, said he doesn't see any serious conflicts between the panel's and the White House's positions. At the same time, he said, "We believe... that there were a lot more active contacts, frankly, with Iran and with Pakistan than there were with Iraq."

Along with differences over ties between Saddam's government and al-Qaida, a new question arose over whether President Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney gave the order on Sept. 11, 2001, to shoot down the fourth of the hijacked airliners.

The two told the commission that Bush gave his approval after a discussion with Cheney, who was in the White House command center.

On the issue of al-Qaida's ties to Iraq under Saddam, Lehman defended Cheney, the most aggressive promoter of that idea.

Lehman said new intelligence that "we are not in the business of getting" indicates one of Saddam's Fedayeen fighters, a lieutenant colonel, was a prominent al-Qaida member.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (June 12)	107.00
S. Korean won (June 15)	1,127.00
British pound	\$1.24
	\$1.88

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.832
Canada (Dollar)	0.633
Denmark (Krone)	6.178
Egypt (Pound)	6.15
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.214
India (Rupee)	7.989
Hungary (Forint)	211.15
Israel (Shekel)	18.75
Japan (Yen)	109.57
Kuwait (Dinar)	4.494
Malaysia (Ringgit)	3.967
Norway (Krone)	4.954
Philippines (Peso)	56.43
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.750
Singapore (Dollar)	1.745
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Switzerland (Franc)	1.249
Thailand (Baht)	54.937
Turkey (Lira)	1,492.37

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3-month bill	1.27
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Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Spot lousy index offers

Knight Ridder Tribune

The debate over index funds vs. actively managed funds is often described as a choice between low costs and high costs, but that's oversimplifying things.

Sure, the cheapest funds are index funds, but there are also low-cost active funds and high-cost index funds. If you own a high-cost index fund, dump it. The point of index funds, after all, is low costs.

High turnover is a rough mea-

sure of another type of cost. Trading costs add to a fund's overall expenses, sometimes substantially. So be sure to check any stock index funds with high turnover.

Finally, avoid a narrowly focused, volatile index fund. Concentration and volatility by themselves aren't impediments to attractive long-term returns for a fund. However, they decrease the likelihood investors will hold the fund long enough to enjoy those attractive returns.

Conn. governor announces resignation

BY SUSAN HAIGH

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Gov. John G. Rowland announced his resignation Monday amid a months-long cascade of graft allegations, a federal investigation and a rapidly gathering drive to impeach him for accepting gifts from friends and businesses.

Rowland, a third-term Republican who was once one of the GOP's rising young stars, became engulfed in scandal in December when he admitted accepting renovations at his lakeside cottage — including a hot tub and new heating system — and lying about it. Other gifts and favors soon came to light.

"I acknowledge that my poor judgment has brought us here," Rowland said, standing on the back lawn of the governor's mansion.



Rowland

his wife, Patty, by his side.

Rowland, 47, becomes the first U.S. governor in seven years to resign under pressure. His resignation is effective July 1.

Republican Lt. Gov. M. Jodi Reil will serve the rest of Rowland's term. The next gubernatorial election is in 2006.

One longtime friend, a state contractor, bought the governor's Washington condominium at an inflated price through a straw buyer.

Rowland received cigars, champagne, a vintage Ford Mustang convertible, a canoe and free or discounted vacations from employees and friends — including some with state contracts. The FBI was even looking into whether Rowland skimmed money from low-stakes poker games he hosted.

For months, Rowland has insisted he never did anything in exchange for the gifts. But the drumbeat of allegations sent his approval ratings plummeting and led to demands for his resignation from

Republicans and Democrats alike.

The governor has chosen late in the journey to take the homebound road. John Rowland made many bad choices that led us to today's resignation," said House Speaker Moira Lyons, a Democrat.

"I am sad that such a gifted and talented leader chose a path of deception and ethical malaise for so long."

The decision effectively brings an end to what was once considered a remarkable political career. Rowland was elected to the state House at 23 and quickly became the boy wonder of Connecticut politics, using his charm to get elected to Congress at 27 and become governor at 37.

A wrinkle in time for ABC network

BY BOB POOL

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Most of the time, capsules simply can't be found.

Some of the time, capsules can be — but their contents have disappeared. This time capsule is different.

Workers carefully demolishing the ABC Entertainment Center and Shubert Theatre in the Century City neighborhood of West Los Angeles have discovered a box filled with mementos that are completely intact — and totally mysterious.

The 2-by-2½-foot aluminum container resembles a television camera and bears an ABC logo and the words, "Corner Stone in the Stars, Sept. 22, 1971."

Inside are about 15 items, including a bright yellow sweater, a bottle of Martell's apple juice, a warped Andy Williams' "Moon River" record album, a Screen Actors Guild document signed by Charlton Heston and a program signed by Gregory Peck.

Missing are the usual time capsule staples: the requisite copy of the newspaper from the day it was sealed shut, popular gadgets of the era, the bravely written predictions of the future.

ABC officials have looked in their archives and can find no record of the time capsule being placed at the Entertainment Center, let alone a list of its contents.

"It looks like randomly deposited stuff," says David Sears, the only person so far to peek into the bolted-shut box. "It looks like people were a party when somebody said, 'By the way, we're going to fill a time capsule.'"

Sears is managing director of Trammel Crow Co., developer of a \$275 million office and retail project planned for where the former Shubert Theatre and ABC network headquarters now stand on Avenue of the Stars.

Because of a parking garage beneath the site, workers slowly are dismantling the complex instead of using a wrecking ball. The time capsule was one of the first things found when they began removing the top of the ABC building last month.

"It was on a roof level, not ground level. It was attached to the structural frame of the building (at its southwest corner)," he said. Because it was under the roof, the box and its contents were kept dry.

"Who knows what people were thinking in 1971 when Century City was just rising?" said Sears, whose company is building the new 12-story office and retail building that will house the Creative Artists Agency when it's finished.

NBC to swarm Olympics with fresh voices

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Champion triathlete Siri Lindley was being interviewed by NBC Olympics honcho David Neal for an announcing job recently when she casually mentioned coaching field hockey at Princeton a decade ago. Neal's eyes widened.

Her cell phone rang before she even reached her hotel after the interview. Lindley didn't have just one new job. She had two — NBC's Olympics commentator for the triathlon and field hockey.

NBC's staggering plan to broadcast 1,210 hours of the Olympics over six networks this summer left its executives with a real problem.

Just where do you find somebody who can talk skillfully and colorfully about badminton? Or handball? Or tee-kwon do? The answers came from some unlikely people.

Like Pat Croce. The former president of the Philadelphia 76ers, and basketball studio analyst for NBC, is a black belt in tee-kwon do and regrets the sport was added to the Olympics after he was too old to try out. Neal recommended his interest and sought him out.

Or Bill Clement. One of the best-known hockey announcers told Neal that he had been a badminton champion growing up in Canada.

Another problem solved. Trace Worthington, a former champion freestyle skier, has a side business performing aerial stunts on a trampoline. He'll be Al Trautwig's partner in telecasting the Olympic trampoline competition.

NBC will have 99 on-air announcers at the Summer Olympics in Athens, compared to 67 in Sydney in 2000. Many are familiar — Rowdy Gaines for swimming, Dwight Stones for track and field, Doug Collins for basketball.

But 51 of the announcers will be working at the Summer Olymp-

pics for the first time. And with NBC on the air so much — more hours telecast than the last five Summer Games combined — they'll have plenty of on-the-job training.

Neal, executive vice president of NBC's Olympic coverage, and Molly Solomon, managing director of NBC's cable coverage, looked at a lot of audition tapes.

"We want people who will have the ability to make a point precisely, to be able to paint pictures with language," Neal said, "and make a point about things people don't really understand."

Former athletes who still keep up-to-date with their sports had a big advantage. Neal and Solomon looked at tapes of them being interviewed to see if they're articulate and enthusiastic.

They liked Lindley's tapes. She had quit the sport at the top because she didn't want to linger too long, and was interested in broadcasting. She sent a letter to Neal seeking an interview.

The field hockey gig helps out NBC, which otherwise would have to pay her way to Athens for just a couple of days of work.

"Multi-tasking," Neal said with a laugh. "That's what we're all about."

Lindley shrugs off the extra work, saying: "After having been a triathlete and as hard as you have to work to do that, if I'm not working hard at something, I'm not happy."

Right now, she's worried about being able to pronounce the names of all the players in a sport where the teams from Pakistan and Japan are strong. Not to mention the name of her broadcasting partner.

"I wish I could pronounce his name," she said.

He's Spero Dedes. (That's spear-oh-dee-dee.)

Few of the announcers can match Karch Kiraly in being up-to-date in his sport. The three-time Olympic gold medal winner still competes in beach volleyball, and his NBC audition



American Siri Lindley won the ITU World Cup Triathlon in Lausanne, Switzerland, in August 2000. Lindley will be NBC's Olympics commentator for the triathlon and field hockey events this summer.

came last summer during a tournament in which he participated.

After Kiraly and his partner lost a match, he wiped away the sweat and the sand, and headed to the booth to comment on a tournament final featuring the team that had just beat him.

"He's blown us all away with how sharp a television mind he has," Solomon said. "He has an ability to tell stories, to give life to the different personalities on the court. He just has that innate sense. I think beach volleyball will be prominent in our network coverage. It will be rocking."

Kiraly can speak authoritatively about players' strengths and weaknesses. NBC wants to make sure its analysts won't be afraid to spell them out; their first loyalty is to viewers, not to old friends.

Although much of his work is instinctual, Kiraly is getting tips from a broadcasting coach.

Others are taking their own steps to be ready. Kiraly, who took a course certifying him as a tee-kwon do referee. He wants to be able to point out scoring as quickly as it happens by being familiar with the referees' terminology.

And Croce, a part-time motivational speaker, will have no trouble spreading his enthusiasm for his sport.

"I love the martial arts," he said. "I've been doing it since I was 18 years old. I'm a fourth-degree black belt. I train hard. I would love to train with the athletes. When I was covering basketball, I couldn't train with them."

Clinton regrets health care, Mideast

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Bill Clinton, his greatest failures as president have nothing to do with the scandal over his affair with a White House intern.

"I'm sorry on the home front that we didn't get health care and that we didn't reform Social Security," the former president told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview aired Sunday.

In international affairs, Clinton said he regrets he wasn't able to persuade the Israelis and Palestinians to make peace and that he "didn't succeed in getting Osama bin Laden."

He gave the interview in advance of Tuesday's release of his 957-page memoir, "My Life."

On the Middle East, Clinton placed the blame for the collapse of his efforts to broker a peace deal squarely on the shoulders of Yasser Arafat. The Palestinian leader refused to accept formulas for peace offered by Clinton in late 2000.

"This was an error of historic proportions," Clinton said.

Clinton recalled a lighter mo-

ment seven years earlier just before the signing of the Oslo peace accords. Clinton had told Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he would have to shake Arafat's hand. Rabin begrudgingly agreed, saying: "All right. But no kissing."

So, Clinton said he and national security adviser Tony Lake found themselves practicing at being Rabin and Arafat to figure out how to keep Rabin from receiving the traditional Arab greeting of a kiss on the cheek. They eventually found a way, leading to a historic handshake at the White House.

The former president says his worst day in the White House came when he had to tell his wife, Hillary, about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. "I had a sleepless night and woke her up and sat down on the side of the bed and just told her," he said. "It was awful."

Clinton discussed other highs and lows:

■ When asked about some of the not-so-flattering nicknames ascribed to the former president, Clinton said he most dislikes "Slick Willy." "No one could fair-



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Former President Clinton reads an excerpt from his book "My Life" to talk-show host Oprah Winfrey on Monday.

ly look at my political life and say I didn't believe in anything."

■ Clinton said he wished he had never said he had tried marijuana but didn't inhale, even though he maintains it's true. "I really tried to inhale. I was incapable of inhaling."

■ Clinton said he's had second thoughts about his controversial last-minute pardon of fugitive fin-

ancier Marc Rich, the ex-husband of Democratic donor Denise Rich. But on the merits, he said, "Nobody's yet made a case to me that it was the wrong decision."

■ Clinton said one of his finest days in the White House was daughter Chelsea's high school graduation. "When I saw what she had become ... that's probably the best day."

Bank merger

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Banking giant Wachovia Corp. is buying competitor SouthTrust Corp. in a \$14.3 billion deal that will create the largest bank in the Southeast, both companies said Monday.

Wachovia chief executive Ken Thompson said the merger will give Wachovia new leverage in the large Texas banking market and end up being "a knockout combination" for shareholders, customers and clients.

SouthTrust currently has 60 bank branches in several key Texas markets and was preparing to build at least 30 new branches in the near future, said SouthTrust chairman and CEO Wallace Malone.

The enlarged Wachovia will have \$464 billion in assets and market capitalization of \$76 billion, maintaining its position as the nation's fourth largest bank in terms of assets.

Thompson said the bank plans to close between 130 and 150 bank branches and eliminate about 4,300 jobs after the merger is completed. Thompson said many of the cuts will be absorbed through attrition.

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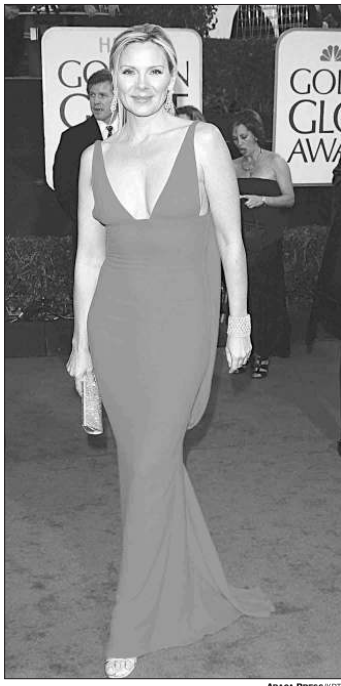
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Actress Kim Cattrall arrives at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in January 2003 for the 60th Annual Golden Globes Awards in Los Angeles. Cattrall, who played Samantha Jones on HBO's "Sex and the City" for six seasons, went on to win that year the award for best supporting actress in a series, mini-series or TV movie. "Sex" devotees who miss watching Cattrall's turn as the vivacious, sexually adventurous Samantha can find up to the first half of season six on DVD.

Lee recognized for lifetime achievement

Filmmaker Spike Lee received a lifetime achievement award and a key to the city of Dallas at the Fourth Annual Lyrical Underground, an event celebrating Black Music Month.



Lee

The Privilege Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes "individuals who have provided hope, inspiration, joy and motivation to people around the world," said Noel Hankin, a spokesman for Scheffelin & Sonnet, parent company of Hennessy, which sponsored the award presented Friday.

Past recipients include Marvin "Magic" Johnson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"Spike Lee is the most remarkable African-American filmmaker in the last 18 years," Hankin said. "Through his movies, he has challenged his audiences to think as well as question the status quo."

"Lee's films include 'Malcolm X,' 'Do the Right Thing,' 'Bamboozled' and 'He Got Game.'"

Friday's reception featured clips from his upcoming movie "She Hate Me," about a biotech executive who turns whistleblower. The movie is scheduled for release July 30.

Method Man upset about new sitcom

Method Man says he's unhappy with Fox for squeezing the "ghetto" out of his new sitcom.

"This is frustrating for me, and it's not turning out for me as expected," said the rapper-actor, who is co-star and executive producer of the network's comedy series "Method & Red."

"I'm trying to keep this show ghetto, and there's a way for it to be both ghetto and intelligent," he said in Los Angeles. "But it's not going that way."

In the show, Method Man and fellow rapper Redman play two hugely successful hip-hop stars who move into an affluent, predominantly white gated community in the suburbs.

The comedy drew more than 8 million viewers in its debut Wednesday, but that didn't minimize Method Man's dissatisfaction.

He told the Los Angeles Times the series has veered from his original vision because some executives or writers tried too hard to appeal to "middle America" with "jane jokes."

"I know what I wanted this show to be, but there's been too much compromise on our side and not enough on their side," he said.

Fox executives declined to comment to the Times.



Method Man

Missing Ms. Jones

Actress Cattrall can't seem to shake her 'Sex and the City' character

BY TERRY MORROW
Scripps Howard

Kim Cattrall is in mourning. "I kind of feel like I am looking for Samantha everywhere I turn. I miss her terribly," says the actress who portrayed the vivacious Samantha Jones for six seasons on "Sex and the City."

"I wake up in the morning, and she is on my mind. Walking down the streets of New York in my sandals during the spring, I expect to see a camera following me because we were always working during this time of year," she says.

The Emmy-winning comedy shot and aired its last episode in February. And, life goes on for Cattrall and Samantha. Most seasons of "Sex and the City" are already on DVD. A new edited version of the racy show, toning down the language and cutting down the nudity, began airing on TBS last week.

A feature film is in doubt. Recent reports say a "Sex" movie will not happen because Cattrall has already agreed to do other projects.

Production on the feature film would have started this summer for a spring 2005 release. All but Cattrall were on board to do the movie.

Cattrall said in March she thought a reunion movie "would be really terrific, but I think it would be tricky because I felt so happy by the way the series ended. I felt like everybody's story lines were true to their characters. That's where we would leave those girls. I think something that has been so well-written and -produced needs to have that same level kept up if it is done again."

Cattrall's first post-"Sex" gig is producing an HBO documentary called "Sexual Intelligence" about "desire and sexuality," she says.

She's not ready to jump back into weekly television

again, she says. "I don't want to be just another actress for hire. I want to explore (opportunities) I can develop myself."

Rumors of a feud between Cattrall and "Sex" star Sarah Jessica Parker were fueled again when Cattrall decided not to do the "Sex" movie.

Cattrall dismisses those reports.

"It's so disheartening to hear this," she says. "People want to hear that women can't get along. The misconception that people have, because we played best friends on TV, is that we are best friends in real life. We're not. We're good friends, and we are colleagues."

Former "Sex" co-star Willie Garson says there was no friction or feuding between Parker and Cattrall on the set. However, he says he was "disappointed" that the movie will not happen because of Cattrall's lack of participation.

"I really enjoyed working with Kim," he says. "She's funny. She's sexy. She's involved in the scene very much. I had a great experience with her."

So, for now, Samantha is no more. However, "Samantha lives on, not only in our memories but in our collective consciousness, for what she stood for," Cattrall says.

Samantha came along for Cattrall at just the right time. At 40, when she got the role, she says she was questioning her own ideas of middle-class sexuality. Samantha helped liberate her in many ways.

"She was rejecting (in) her sexuality," Cattrall says. "It wasn't secure or forbidden. It was coming from a spring of epicurean delight. She was celebratory and rich with no judgment about sexuality. That's something we all want in being human."

When last she saw Samantha, she was in a committed relationship and overcoming cancer. "She's probably still in the relationship, and still working. But I also think there's probably something around the corner that she's looking at," Cattrall says, laughing. "She has quite an appetite and can't sit still for long."

Lithgow to lend name to local fund-raiser

Two-time Tony award winner John Lithgow plans to return to his wife's hometown of Conrad, Mont., next month for a benefit to help restore a local theater.

Lithgow, who starred in the TV series "Third Rock from the Sun," is scheduled to perform July 2 as part of a benefit to help pay the \$250,000 price tag for restoration of the Orpheum Theatre-Wiegand Auditorium.

The nonprofit Pondera Arts Council purchased the facility in 2001. Council president Helen Eliot said Lithgow plans to tailor his show to children ages 3-8.

University chancellor honored

University of California, Irvine Chancellor Ralph Cicerone has won the Albert Einstein World Award of Science.

Cicerone, an atmospheric scientist, will receive the award for his research on greenhouse gases and ozone depletion, officials announced Friday.

The Mexico-based World Cultural Council gives the award—a diploma, medal and \$10,000—annually to recognize research efforts that "have brought true benefit and well being to mankind."

"I am honored to win such an award that bears Albert Einstein's name," said Cicerone, 61, who will receive the award at a ceremony in Belgium in November.

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MOVIES

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7	AFN-AT	6:30PM Guiding Light (CC)	6:30PM General Hospital (CC)	6:30PM Headline News (CC)	6:30PM Judge Judy (CC)	6:30PM Today (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)	6:30PM The O.C. The Strip: Seth, Ryan and Cade go to Las Vegas. (CC)
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10:00 News (1)
10:00 American Top 40 (42)
11:25 Wimbledon Tennis 2004 (1)
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OPINION

Clinton's quip on why communicates clearly

BY ELLIS HENICAN

Newsday

Among all the explanations that guys have given over the years, this one could very well be the greatest of them all.

"Just because I could," Bill Clinton said with his sly, over-the-top Clintonian smile.

Write that down to remember another day.

Really, it's perfect Clinton. Perfect perfect, too.

Simple. Straightforward. And who wouldn't believe an explanation like that? Again, Bill Clinton, who taught us so much about getting into trouble, teaches us also how to respond to trouble, no matter how sticky the trouble is. Here, the president who keeps on giving to his country, three-plus years into Chappaqua-time! The Monica explanation, delivered to Dan Rather for "60 Minutes" as part of Clinton's book-promotion campaign, has several things going for it, not the least of which is that it almost certainly is the truth. Part of the truth, anyway.

No, it wasn't just the eye-copping sexiness of the nubile Lewinsky physique packed into a thong.

Clinton hooked up with her because she was willing and because she was there. And honestly, how many opportunities for cheap, casual frolicking does a married president really have? It's not like he can freely travel the singles bars of Georgetown without somebody noticing him.

Ah, sipping on a strawberry margarita ...

Tossing off clever opening lines ...

Isn't that the president? "Hi-ya, Sweetheart. How 'bout you and me go jump up and down on Abraham Lincoln's bed!" Even Clinton didn't use that kind of maneuver, but no anyone has been yet able to prove.

At last, "just because I could" throws a big, wet blanket over the relentless anti-Clinton hit squads, which seem not to have missed a trigger-pull lately. And did you notice how Clinton wrapped his explanation in the bright floral paper of earnest-sounding self-criticism and some professed rejection of the easy way out? His simple explanation, Clinton said, is "the worst possible reason ... I think that's just about the most morally indefensible reason that anybody could have for doing anything. There are lots of sophisticated explanations, more-complicated psychological explanations, but none of them are an excuse."

So there.

Beat yourself before your opponents start to beat you. A little self-flagellation goes a long way.

People who know the Clintons on a more personal basis than I do have always said that, back in Arkansas, Clinton was pretty steamed about his famously frisky libido. But when they moved to Washington, D.C., and the fortress-fishbowl that is the White House, she figured, "Hey, how much trouble could he get himself into around here?"

Obviously, Hillary didn't adequately account for the intern pool.

None of this talk will do any damage to



the Clinton legacy, which, given the recent troubles of George W. Bush, is actually looking shinier by the day. If anything, the Monica explanation and the pugnacious dismissal of the impeachment vote will let Clinton recapture lost ground in the war over his place in history. And it'll push the book, "My Life," to the highest heights of the best-seller lists.

The publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, has ordered 1.5 million for the first printing alone.

And here's Bush, book-ended in the news this month by two great communicators — and only one of them still alive.

He's hoping the comparison with John Kerry won't be as harsh.

Me? I'm sitting in awe, wracking my brain for things I should hurry up and apologize for to those I know and I love ...

I have the perfect answer now, an answer I learned from a master of self-made trouble, getting in and getting out.

You know why I did it, whatever it was? "It did just because I could."

A-Qaida, Saddam linked — in hatred of America

The latest conclusions from the 9/11 commission — that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden never developed a close relationship and that the United States essentially was unprepared for the 2001 attacks — strike me as stunning in only one way: their obviousness.

John C. Bersia

Saddam and bin Laden were destined, by the very nature of the transnational, revolutionary, ideological forces driving their respective camps, to clash. Even at times when the idea of teaming up against a common enemy such as the United States may have tempted them, it was unlikely that any long-term, meaningful, trusting, cooperative bond would have emerged.

Saddam had set his sights on leading the Arab world, inspired partly by his Baath Party's vision of cultural unity and partly by his ego — a path that led to invading Kuwait in 1990. Some analysts have argued that Saddam, after failing to anticipate the overwhelmingly negative global response to Kuwait's subjugation, accepted and even relished the impending battle with the U.S.-led coalition — despite the prospect of certain defeat.

Perhaps Saddam hoped to follow in the footsteps of one of his heroes, former President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, who elevated his own stature in the Arab world by confronting Israel. Even in the advent of defeat, Saddam stood a chance of reaching mythical status among the frustrated and dispossessed of the region. Indeed, despite the war's disastrous results for Iraq, Saddam's star steadily rose during the 1990s, as he continued to defy

the United States and its allies.

Thus Saddam had no need for a strategic alliance with al-Qaida or any other organization that might seriously have competed for influence. It is no secret that bin Laden and his cohorts aspire to extend their control over the Middle East, North Africa, and parts of Europe and Central Asia. That result would represent merely the beginning of al-Qaida's insidious plot to undermine the concept of civilization that most people embrace.

Saddam also knew that bin Laden despised everything about him. He probably had about as much faith in al-Qaida's overtures as European countries had recently when they rejected bin Laden's purported proposal of a trade — a moratorium on attacks in Europe if the nations of that region would withdraw from their military operations in the Middle East.

At the same time, it makes sense that Sad-

dam's minions would have interacted with their al-Qaida counterparts. Saddam's regime maintained contact with a number of terrorist groups — and provided assistance and safe haven to some of them — to advance his broad objective of disrupting adversaries ...

Of course, al-Qaida succeeded in harming the United States in ways that Saddam had only imagined. Consequently, the group's attractiveness increased to some of the same frustrated and dispossessed people that Saddam once courted.

Before the U.S.-led intervention in Iraq, al-Qaida saw the value and seized the opportunity of dispatching operatives to Iraq.

More joined them in the confusion of the conflict and its aftermath, and Iraq quickly became a center in the war against terrorism — a position it did not previously hold.

That development, combined with the fierce resistance of Saddam loyalists and oth-

ers opposed to the intervention, has founded U.S. officials. And they struggle for new strategies to deal with the rapidly changing realities, just as they did on Sept. 11.

That the nation's leaders appeared to operate in a fog after the 9/11 attacks stemmed as much from the lack of historical preparedness against terrorism as it did from shock, confusion, poor communication and uneven coordination. ... From the beginning of the current wave of global terrorism, which dates from the 1970s, one U.S. president after another failed to mount a coordinated, sustained, hard-hitting, global campaign of diplomatic, economic, clandestine and military initiatives against terrorists ...

Those who believe that the Bush administration has exaggerated the war against terrorism delude themselves. The threat is frighteningly and dangerously real, from the battlegrounds of Iraq to the streets of America.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Mayor makes list

NY NEW PALTZ — Mayor, house painter, gay rights advocate and now, one of the country's most eligible bachelors.

Move over, George Clooney — New Palitz Mayor Jason West is one of America's "50 Hottest Bachelors," at least according to People magazine.

"Oh my God, that was I thinking!" West said, when asked by the Times-Herald Record of Middletown about agreeing to the People interview.

A sometimes house painter who makes \$18,000 a year as mayor, West finds himself among a high-falutin crowd on the bachelors' list that includes Hollywood heart-throb Tom Cruise, Google billionaire Larry Page and "Lord of the Rings" star Orlando Bloom.

West first attracted national headlines in February when he presided over the marriages of more than two dozen same-sex couples in his Hudson Valley village.

Lawsuit limits

MS JACKSON — Gov. Haley Barbour has signed a bill that puts limits on lawsuits, saying the changes will help the state's business climate. Barbour signed the bill last week during a Capitol ceremony attended by legislators and business leaders. The bill makes several changes in where lawsuits can be filed and how much can be awarded.

The bill caps pain-and-suffering damage awards at \$1 million and caps medical malpractice cases at \$500,000.

Fire marshal misses

KS LAWRENCE — The Kansas Fire Marshal's Office failed to inspect hundreds of schools, hospitals and other medical facilities, a state audit shows. The report said 19 percent of schools and 24 percent of health-care buildings haven't had an inspection in the last 13 months, a violation of statutory requirements.

Apprentice college credit

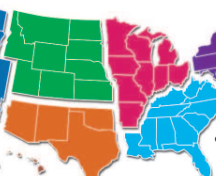
NJ ATLANTIC CITY — Union apprentices in seven building and construction trades will soon be eligible for college credit for their on-the-job learning, Gov. James E. McGreevey announced. Electricians will be eligible this year, and members of other trades will be involved starting in January.

Bigger state budget

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Bob Holden has signed an \$18.9 billion state operating budget into law. The plan that takes effect July 1 is \$1 billion larger than this year's. It provides the largest increase in basic school funding in four years. It also increases funding to Medicaid and gives state employees pay raises.

Store limit lifted

AK HOMER — Voters in this scenic, seaside town approved a measure that nearly doubles the allowable limit on the size of future store construction. The



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

vote gives a green light to Fred Meyer to build a 45,000-square-foot store, the minimum size the company would consider.

School taken over

LA NEW ORLEANS — State officials have given control of a middle school to the University of New Orleans, the first time a poorly performing school has been taken over under a constitutional amendment approved by voters last year.

The goal is to prop up an academic program at the Pierre A. Capdau Middle School, which has been rated as a failure every year since 1999. Takeovers at other schools are possible next year.

Rent on the rise

NY NEW YORK — Tenants in New York City's 1 million rent-stabilized apartments are going to be paying more for their digs come the fall.

Increases of 3.5 percent for one-year leases and 6.5 percent for two-year leases were approved Thursday by the Rent Guidelines Board.

Tenants who pay their own heat and hot water will pay increases of 3 percent and 6 percent for one-year and two-year leases respectively. Rents at residential hotels were frozen, while loft rents were increased by 2.5 percent for

one-year leases and 5.5 percent for two-year leases.

The hikes, passed on a 6-3 vote, take effect Oct. 1.

Both tenants and landlords showed up at the meeting — and neither group was happy with the outcome.

The residents said the higher housing costs would make it harder to make ends meet.

The landlords said the increases weren't enough to offset their costs, which are also on the rise.

Dam center upgrade

NV LAS VEGAS — The visitor center at Hoover Dam will get a \$1.3 million upgrade, with new exhibits for the center's main hall, theater lobby and entrance, the federal Bureau of Reclamation said.

The agency operates the dam on the Colorado River, about 30 miles east of Las Vegas.

Bring on the noise

TX BANDERA — Fun-loving Bandera, concerned that a strict new noise ordinance could derail its image and drive away tourists from the "Cowboy Capital of the World," has decided to party on.

City council members voted unanimously this week to rescind rules adopted last month that limited outdoor amplified music to no later than 10 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, except by special permit, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

Also eliminated was a provision that said a violation may occur if noise — at any level — "unreasonably injures, disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others."

Resident Jim Smith was among speakers at Thursday's meeting who urged the council to rethink the ordinance.

"Somebody is trying to kill the town, where we can't have no fun anymore," Smith said.

But a handful of speakers pleaded for rules that allow for sleep undisturbed by late-night music from bars.

"Why do they have to play it so blottoom loud? You couldn't even hear a romantic remark from your dance partner," Jane Dry said. "Turn the drum amplifiers down at 10 p.m. That's all we ask."

Costumed worker tackled

UT OREM — Talk about a frosty reception.

Andrea Wilcox was trying to lure customers to a suburban Salt Lake City Dairy Queen restaurant last weekend by wearing an inflatable "Curly Top" suit when she was suddenly tackled for no apparent reason.

"I heard a truck drive up behind me, so I turned around and was waving at them when a kid jumped out and ran toward me," said Wilcox, who didn't get a good view of the person. "I thought, 'What is he doing?' and he just tackled me like a football player."

Manager Sophie Thomas devised a new policy when it comes to wearing Curly Top.

"I will now only let them out there if there are two of them," she said.



Zippling along

Jennifer Jones, a market research analyst for St. Luke's Hospital, holds on tight as she speeds down a zipline in Kansas City, Mo. Corporate employees of St. Luke's Health System got a chance to test Adventure Woods' new 375-foot long line that zips participants over a ravine and creek while promoting teamwork and self-confidence.



Llamarama

Owners and handlers line up in the exposition hall before a llama race at the Windsor, Maine, Fairgrounds during the annual Fibre Frolic. Sheep, llamas, alpacas and rabbits were on display during the celebration of Maine-grown fibers.



Art by the pack

Butte artists Susan Smaka and Eben Goff assemble a repainted cigarette vending machine they converted into a Pac-O-Art machine at the Butte-Silver Bow Arts Center in Butte, Mont. The machine dispenses \$5 packs of miniature artwork by local artists.



Hole in the wall A construction worker looks out of a pre-cast concrete wall that will be part of the new Loann Crane Center for Design at the Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio.



When art's a sticky business Kids ride on a float they made out of duct tape for the Avon Heritage Duct Tape Festival parade in Avon, Ohio. The festival in Avon, known as the "Duct Tape Capital" of the world for being home to the Duck brand duct tape and Henkel Consumer Adhesives, features large duct tape sculptures, games and rides.



Bold new look Kenneth Parson of Pittsburg, Kan., sports his own brand of fashion around the camgrounds of Lake Clinton Park, near Lawrence, Kan., for the first day of the Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival.



Parting the waters Eric Mathis and his girlfriend, Katie Seiz, brave Mississippi River floodwaters as they leave the Sturgis on the River festival in Davenport, Iowa.

Protecting ladies' night

NI TRENTON — It's unanimous: Women deserve a cheap drink, at least in New Jersey bars and restaurants.

Despite an administrative ruling that says the ladies' night at a Cherry Hill bar and restaurant violated state civil rights rules, Assembly members said there ought to be a law protecting the practice.

The Assembly voted 78-0 to approve a bill making it legal for bar owners and others to offer special promotions such as charging women different prices for drinks. The measure was designed to specifically overturn a June 1 ruling.

Earlier this month, the director of the state Division on Civil Rights ruled in favor of a man who said it wasn't fair for women to get into the Coastline bar and restaurant in Cherry Hill for free and enjoy discounted drinks while men paid \$5 and full price for beverages.

Diners sickened

CO FORT COLLINS — Health officials say they're investigating after more than 240 people reported they were sickened after eating at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Fort Collins.

The restaurant, part of a national chain based in Louisville, Ky., was temporarily closed.

Record-setting chicken

AL BESSEMER — Matilda really is a magic chicken.

Long a prop in a magician's show, the hen from Bessemer has been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living chicken.

Matilda, who works with Keith Barton in his "Mort the Mystifying" act, is 14 years old. The little gray bird is believed to be an Old English Red Pyle hen.

"She used to have an understudy, but she outlived it," said Barton's wife, Donna, who also is in the act as the magician's assistant.

Matilda's role is to appear in a pan that moments earlier seemed to contain only a fresh egg yolk and a few drops of hot sauce.

One of Matilda's doctors, Randy Britt of Britt Animal Hospital, said the hen has practically doubled the 7- or 8-year normal life span for a chicken.

Christmases in jail

TX HOUSTON — A volunteer firefighter has the holiday blues after a judge ordered him to spend his next six Christmas Days in jail for his role in a deadly wreck.

Samuel Maglito received the sentence Thursday from State District Judge Marc Carter, who says it's an appropriate one for the death of a mother of five in a collision as Maglito rushed to a small brush fire.

"I wanted him to feel the same separation that her family is experiencing," Carter told the Houston Chronicle. "I want him to think about what his decisions have cost his family, as well as hers."

Maglito, 52, pleaded guilty in March to criminally negligent homicide in the death of Vickie Lynn McKinney. Maglito received a sentence of six years' probation, in addition to 30 days in jail.

The judge ordered him to return

for overnight stays for the next six years on Christmas Day and on McKinney's birthday, Dec. 4.

Perfect attendance

ME PORTLAND — Her family always emphasized the importance of education, a message Katherine Ureneck took to heart.

So for 12 straight years, from first grade to her senior year at Deering High School, Ureneck never missed a day of school and was never late to class.

"I know of no one who's been able to do this," said Dan Murphy, her guidance counselor. "And I've been at this for 24 years."

Ureneck, 18, was recognized for perfect attendance before she graduated this month. "I've always loved learning and going to school every day," she said.

There were times "she probably should not have been at school," said school nurse Karen Mooney. "But she was always very cautious and avoided me. Because, the truth is, if she had come down to my office and she had a fever, she would've been sent home."

Mystery rock

TX ABILENE — Kevin Oliver said he's sure he doesn't have rocks in his head.

He does, however, have a big one in his living room.

It's brown, weighs some 400 pounds and is hollow in a few places.

At a glance, local geology buffs haven't been able to identify the rock. Oliver came across while clearing underbrush on property in north Abilene.

It's smooth, but not perfectly round, and about a foot and a half in diameter.

Oliver said he took it to the geology departments at Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry University.

Professor Richard Schofield said that in his 22 years with McMurry's geology department, he's never seen anything like it.

In looking at the rock, he couldn't determine its composition, age or origin. Its partial hollowing may be from weathering, Schofield said.

As for its value, Schofield said, "It could be nothing, but I can't say with any certainty."

Vanishing pelicans

ND MEDINA — Another 2,000 American white pelicans have vanished from the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge, abandoning chicks and eggs, officials say.

It comes on the heels of the disappearance of 27,000 pelicans a couple of weeks ago. Biologists say theories including predators and disease have not been proven.

Youth tobacco bill

DE DOVER — The state Senate approved a bill barring children under 18 from possessing tobacco products. Under the bill, juveniles caught with tobacco products would face fines of up to \$50. An opponent, Democrat Robert Venables, said informing a child's parents might be more effective. The bill now goes to the House.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Mars, the planet of aggressive energy, is moving into fire sign Leo. It's high-drama time on the career front — lots of the kind of excitement you see on television shows about a certain line of work.

People rushing around, confrontations, high stakes — you'll find yourself thinking "ER" and "The West Wing" are nothing compared to real life!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23). This year brings remarkable changes for you, but you're in control of what happens! This month and next, you finally get that you're steering your career in the direction of your dream. There's a social swell through August, and you may even decide to travel with friends. A beautiful commitment from a loved one is featured in September. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 25, 1, 11 and 29.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The morning features something to brag about. Don't name-drop, though, as it's not at all becoming and could serve to turn off the very person you'd like to impress. Keep a sense of humor about family life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends of all ages, genders and locales will entice you. Make an effort to attract people who are a joy to be near. You need help with a project that is growing to overwhelming proportions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got the magic touch, but do be aware of how you use it. Don't skip the research part of your project in order to get the high of being in action. You need mentors who can tell you the strengths and weaknesses of your project.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Learning more is what makes you rich.

Financial questions are deftly answered by an expert you know personally, but be wary of advisers you have to pay right now. It's likely their commission dictates their advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone has his or her own way of making a difference in the world,

and yours might be to simply be exemplary in relationships. Today's deft handling of people is proof. Some have to work at it, but social grace is natural to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do your own thing this morning, while you're free to do it. It's no picnic to be in charge of as much as you are, but it is fulfilling at the end of the day to know that people can depend on you and you can depend on yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sept.-ascendant fluctuates, but that's because you care so much that things get done the right way. Remind yourself that you choose your thoughts. Tonight, you are adored, and if you go out, you will be publicly adored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Great reward requires equal risk. You'll be nervous to try new tasks, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't do it. Analyze the fear, understand it, and then, make a rational, logical decision about what to do next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get such a thrill from the beginning stages of a project that it's hard to duplicate the excitement in the middle and end stages. Stick to the plan. Finish! The rewards come at the end. Give yourself a mental pep rally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Although you like to stay positive, this is one of those days when being ready for the worst outcome makes you confident indeed. At work, take on the bite and pieces of a problem instead of trying to solve the whole thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a psychic day, and you feel you're some kind of a vortex for coincidental happenings. It seems these strange occurrences are only happening to you, but maybe it's because you appreciate their meaning so readily.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Include comedy in the day's events — your body loves laughter, and it's scientifically proven that you could ward off disease and virus by laughing! In love, be the one to initiate and take the one to say when enough is enough.

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Hi and Lois



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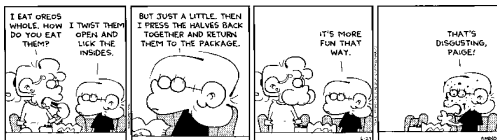
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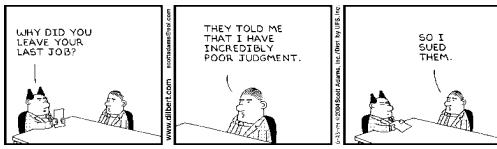
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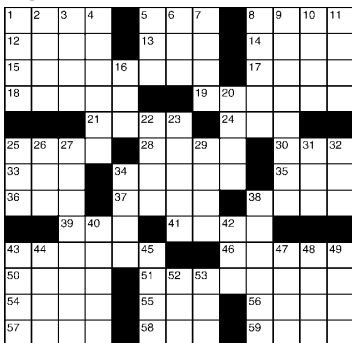
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 15 Be patient
- 17 Lothario's look
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- 19 Quieted down
- 21 Methusalem's grandson
- 24 Trawler gear
- 25 Leave at the altar
- 28 Disposition
- 30 — out (just get by)
- 33 Big whoop
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- 54 Masculine side
- 55 "— was saying, ..."
- 56 Hold the scepter
- 57 Unadorned

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EPITAPH CHIELED INTO A KIND DOG'S GRAVESTONE: "I NEVER MET A MAN I DIDN'T LIKE!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

One bride per reception, please

Dear Abby: I'm being married in three months, and through pure coincidence it turns out that one of my cousins is being married the same day. We're not close, as she was very competitive with me while we were growing up.

Her wedding will take place in the morning. I'm having an afternoon wedding with an evening reception. I assumed she wouldn't be able to make it to my reception because she'd already had and want to spend time with her new husband.

Well, I just received an e-mail from her saying she wants to attend. Ordinarily, that would thrill me. However, the catch is she says that she won't be enough time to change, so she wants to wear her bridal gown to my reception.

I think this is terribly rude. I mean, how long does it take to change? Am I being petty, and if not, what can I say to her?

—Frustrated Bride in Texas

Dear Abby



Dear Frustrated: Although the rules regarding proper attire for wedding guests have become more flexible in recent years, it is still unacceptable for a guest to wear a bridal gown to someone else's reception. Tell your cousin that you will "understand" if she's a few minutes late to your reception, so she can change, and that she and her new husband should quietly seat themselves when they arrive.

Dear Abby: I'm 31, divorced and female. My marriage ended four years ago. I haven't dated much since.

When I least expected it, a wonderful man I'll call "Tony" walked into my life. He was everything I wanted and more. He treated me the way I deserved to be treated and seemed to like me a lot. I fell for him hard.

A short time later, he told me he didn't want a serious relationship.

I was crushed but continued to see him. We dated for about two years and there were still no serious feelings on his part. Then, all of a sudden, he hit me with the news that he had fallen in love with someone else. I was floored. He had said he didn't want a serious relationship.

I can't seem to let go over him. Every time I try, Tony calls me and wants to hook up. His new girlfriend will be moving here soon from another state, yet he still calls and wants to hook up with me. How can I let go and move on? I still love him.

—Can't Let Go

Dear Can't Let Go: Let me explain something. When Tony said he didn't want a serious relationship, he meant with YOU.

Wake up and smell the coffee. You are being used. The sooner you can recognize that fact, the sooner you'll be able to let go and say no.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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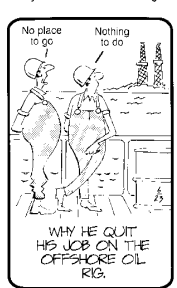
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Answer here: IT WAS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrinon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHOSE FUROR MEADOW BESTOW

Answer: Easy to experience on a sugar free diet — "SWEET" SORROW

Fiancée's TV timing unromantic

Dear Annie: I met my fiancée, "Donna," nine months ago. We've been engaged for three months and plan to marry in August. Although we are compatible in most ways, there is one thing that disappoints me, and I need an outside opinion.

The night we got engaged was a wonderful evening on board a cruise ship. When Donna and I returned to our stateroom, the first thing she did was hop into bed and turn on the TV. I was amazed that she would make such an unromantic move, but I chose not to bring it up and eventually fell asleep.

The next day, I told Donna that I thought watching TV was an unusual way to spend her engagement evening, but she felt it was so big deal. To her credit, she didn't do it again — until now. We spent last weekend at a fancy hotel, and Sunday morning started making love in bed. Next thing I knew, she turned on the TV. Is this a sign that she has no

Annie's Mailbox



interest in lovemaking? I'm really confused. The problem is serious enough that I plan to discuss it at a pre-marital seminar we have scheduled. Without some solution acceptable to both of us, it may be the end of this engagement.

—Where's the Romance in New Mexico?

Dear N.M.: We think

the pre-marital seminar is an excellent place to discuss this, but here's our take on it: Either Donna is addicted to TV, or more likely, she is avoiding sex at those moments when the pressure to perform is most intense. During these special times, she may feel obligated to make sex memorable or believe you expect sexual "extras." She also may not enjoy sex as much as you do, and it's possible you over-romanticize the moment and have unrealistic expectations. No matter how delicate, it is best to discuss these issues before marriage.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter about "Sue," the hard worker whose boss rewarded her by insisting she attend a company dinner. Sue was so unimpressed that she quit. You may be right that Sue has anxiety attacks, but here's my opinion: I too, cringe at the thought of after-hours gatherings with co-workers. As a wife and mother, my evenings and weekends are full of other obligations. After a long day on the job, I am just plain tired. Even a "reward dinner" is just one more thing to do.

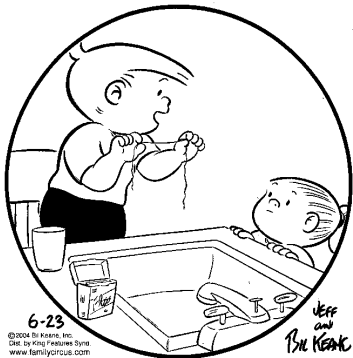
If Sue's employer wants to reward her, how about a bonus or a paid day off?

—Mary in Pennsylvania

Dear Mary: You weren't the only one who said employees appreciate money more than any other "gift" from their employers. Bosses, take note.

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Family Circus



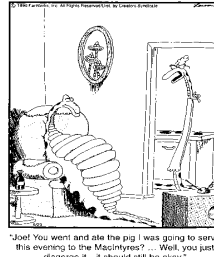
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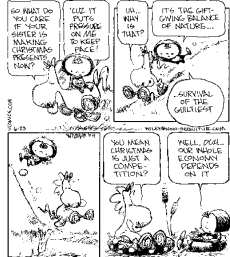
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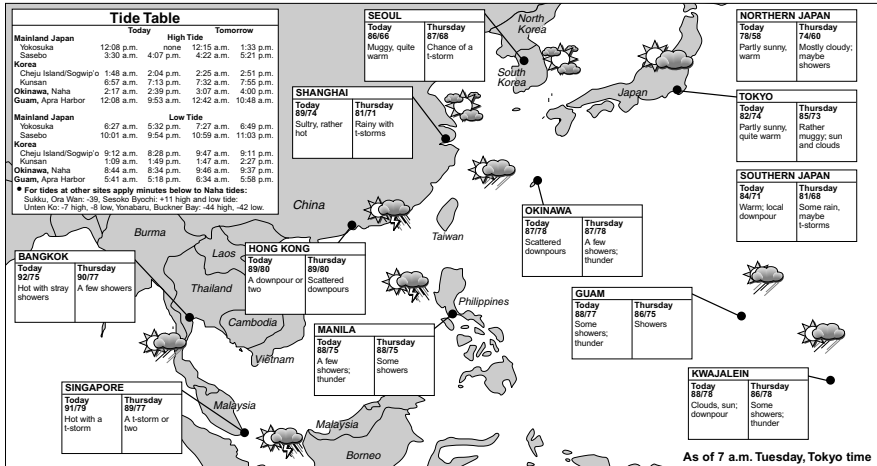
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Morning thunderstorms, high 77, low 69.
Saturday: Rain, high 79, low 72.

KADENA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 80.
Saturday: Showers, high 87, low 78.

SEoul

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 65.
Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 82, low 64.

MANILA

Friday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 75.

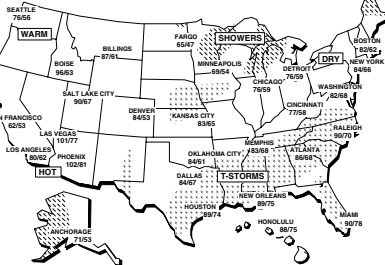
HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	92/62	Los Angeles	76/62
Amarillo	88/54	Little Rock	91/78
Anchorage	77/56	Louisville	84/69
Ashville	75/64	Miami	92/77
Baltimore	82/65	Milwaukee	70/53
Birmingham	87/72	Nashville	85/70
Bismarck	65/44	New York	82/66
Boise	88/60	Omaha	77/53
Boston	83/64	Orlando	93/74
Brownsville	95/79	Philadelphia	83/68
Buffalo	77/62	Phoenix	79/58
Burlington	79/58	Pittsburgh	78/64
Charleston, SC	86/72	Portland, OR	89/60
Charlotte	82/68	Portland, ME	79/58
Cleveland	77/63	Salt Lake City	79/51
Columbus, OH	80/64	St. Louis	82/64
Duluth	67/45	San Antonio	96/73
El Paso	96/70	San Diego	89/63
Hartford	81/61	San Juan	89/76
Helena	76/52	Tampa	90/78
Indianapolis	82/62	Tulsa	90/63
Jacksonville	88/73	Washington	83/70
Kansas City	80/60	Wichita	84/59

Wednesday, June 23



U.S. Extended Forecast

Colder air will move into the northern Plains by way of an unusually strong vortex over southern Canada Wednesday. This will have several waves of low pressure along it, the first of which will move through the northern Great Lakes. This system will further draw colder air into the northern Plains and Great Lakes and will produce an area of moderate rain from Minnesota to Wisconsin and Michigan late Wednesday into Wednesday night. A stationary front Wednesday from the Southeast into South Texas will lead to showers and thunderstorms. By Thursday the aforementioned cold front will have extended into the eastern Great Lakes to the central Plains and eastern Rockies; showers and thunderstorms along the front.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/75	Iwakuni	83/70
Beijing	91/65	Kadena AB	87/78
Camp Casey	85/65	Kunsan AB	86/69
Christchurch	45/31	Kwajalein	88/78
Diego Garcia	82/74	Manila	88/75
Hagatna	88/77	Misawa AB	83/63
Hanoi	98/82	Okinawa	85/87
Hong Kong	89/80	Perth	83/68
Honolulu	88/75	Pusan	83/69

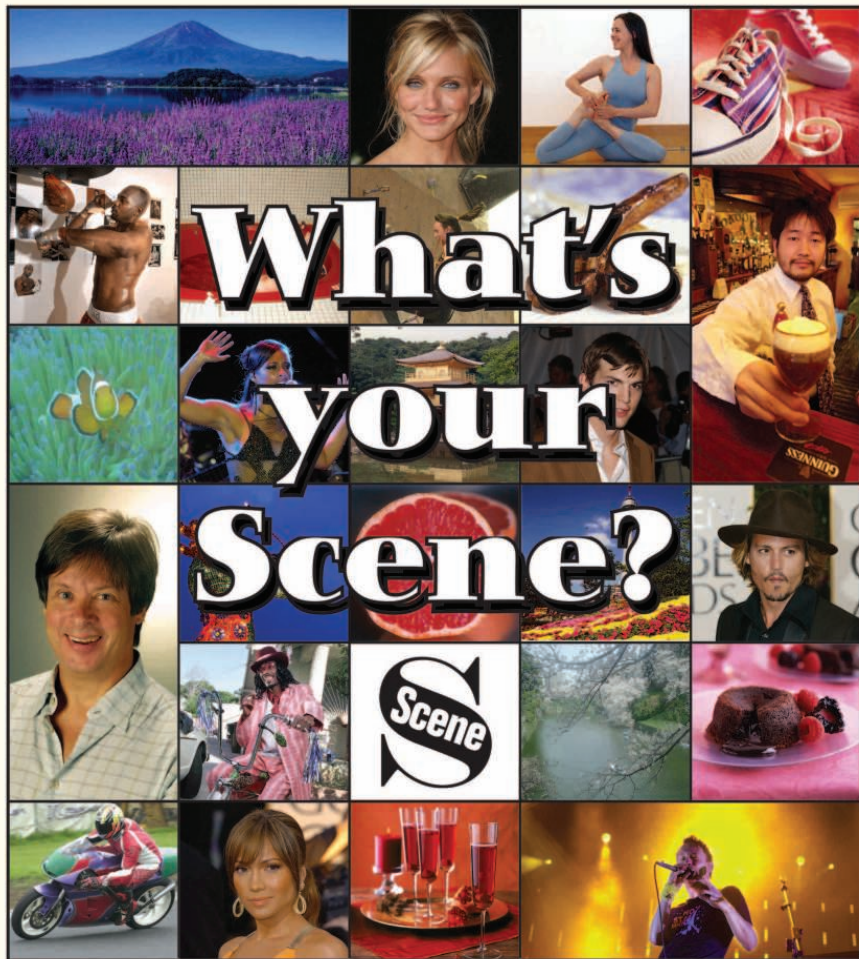
Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/73	Budapest	85/56	Kabul	92/56
Athens	85/65	Buenos Aires	59/52	Kiev	80/58
Auckland	52/45	Cairo	98/63	Kuwait	112/79
Baghdad	111/77	Cancun	85/73	London	63/50
Barbados	90/73	Cape Town	62/46	Madrid	76/50
Barcelona	82/66	Geneva	72/56	Mexico City	73/54
Berlin	77/55	Istanbul	73/57	Montreal	73/58
Bermuda	86/73	Jakarta	84/63	Mogadishu	80/69
Brussels	69/47	Johannesburg	68/44	Moscow	75/54
				Warsaw	81/61

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SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard time. Games are one hour ahead. Schedule subject to change without notice.

Television

AFN-Atlantic

THU. June 23, at 11 a.m. — Pro baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis.
WED. June 23, at 11 a.m. — Pro basketball: NBA Draft lottery. **8 p.m.** — Pro baseball: Teams to be announced.

AFN-FSops

WED. June 23, at 2 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 5.

THU. June 23, at 11 a.m. — College baseball: World Series, Game 1. **8 p.m.** — Pro basketball: Oakland vs. Anaheim.

WED. June 23, at 11 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup #40, 400.
WED. June 23, at 8 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 5.

THU. June 24, at 8 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 6.

THU. June 24, at 11 a.m. — Pro baseball: Oakland vs. Anaheim.

THU. June 24, at 4 p.m. — College baseball: World Series, Game 2.

THU. June 24, at 8 p.m. — Pro baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis.

WED. June 23, at 8 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 5.

FRI. June 25, at 11 a.m. — College baseball: World Series, Game 3.

WED. June 23, at 8 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 5.

Radio

Korea — AFN Thunder-AM

WED. June 23, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore.

Tennis

Wimbledon

Monday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club

Wimbledon, England
Purse: \$17.6 million (Grand Slam)

Men
First Round

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Alex Bogdanovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Marcelo Rios (1), Chile, def. Jiri Hlavacek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Guillermo Coria (1), Argentina, def. Alex Coria, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Robby Ginepro (1), United States, def. Roberto Ginepro, Spain, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

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U.S. Grand Prix

Formula One

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Lap Length: 2.665-mile road course

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Friday, June 18

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Saturday, June 19

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Monday, June 21

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Arkansas 2 — Georgia 42-21 vs. Texas

Miami 9 — Georgia 56-26 vs. Georgia

Georgia 10 — Winner Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8

Arkansas 11 — Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10

Georgia 12 — Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9

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Former champions advance at Wimbledon

Navratilova easily moves on; Ivanisevic returns with victory

BY STEPHEN WILSON

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It was just like old times for former Wimbledon champions Martina Navratilova and Goran Ivanisevic.

Nine-time champ Navratilova returned to the All England Club for her first singles match in 10 years Monday — and looked as if she'd never been away.

Serving and volleying in classic grass-court style, the 47-year-old Navratilova beat Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1 in 46 minutes in a rain-interrupted early match on the opening day of the 118th edition of the Grand Slam tournament.

"It's great to be out there, great to have that opportunity," said Navratilova, the oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon in 82 years. "When people say, 'Why are you doing it? I guess the answer is, because I still can, bottom line.'"

Later, on another stop-start day of weather delays, 32-year-old Ivanisevic stepped on Centre Court for the first time since winning the title in 2001 and beat Mikhail Yuzynsky 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

"I left 2001 with a victory, a great moment," Ivanisevic said. "I came back today, another victory. I enjoyed today every second on Centre Court."

Navratilova and Ivanisevic provided the emotional highlights on a day in which defending champion Roger Federer and former winners Venus Williams and Lleyton Hewitt all advanced in straight sets.

Federer opened defense of his men's title with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 victory over 290th-ranked British wild card Alex Bogdanovic on Centre Court.

Coming off a victory in a tuneup tournament at Halle, Germany, the all-court Swiss player won his 18th straight match



Former Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova returns a shot to Catalina Castano during their first round match at Wimbledon on Monday. Navratilova won the match 6-0, 6-1.

on grass — the longest streak since Pete Sampras won 23 in a row from Wimbledon in 1998 to Queen's in 2000.

"It was important to get that good start," he said. "I saw he really couldn't hurt me on my own serve. This is really when I could just play consistent. That was enough."

Hewitt, the 2002 champion who is seeded No. 7, beat Jürgen Melzer of Austria 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Last year, Hewitt became the first defending men's champion to go out in the first round since 1967 when he lost to Ivo Karlovic.

Williams swept 106th-ranked Marie-Gayane Mikaelian of Switzerland, 6-3, 6-0. Hitting serves at up to 122 mph, Venus had seven aces and 26 winners. She closed the 48-minute match just before another downpour — doing a pirouette and waving to the crowd as the grounds crew raced out to cover the court for the fourth time.

Venus' sister, two-time defending champion Serena Williams, begins Tuesday against China's Zheng Jie. Serena, who hasn't won a Grand Slam title in a year, could become only the third woman in the

past 35 years to win three consecutive Wimbledon championships.

Among the women advancing Monday were No. 5 Lindsay Davenport, No. 11 Ai Sugiyama and No. 13 Maria Sharapova. Men's winners included No. 6 Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 10 Sebastian Grosjean and No. 17 Jonas Björkman.

The highest seed to go out was No. 13 Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand. Coming off a grass-court title last weekend in Nottingham, England, Paradorn lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Karlovic.

Ivanisevic won Wimbledon as a wild card in 2001, beating Pat Rafter in a dramatic five-set final. He missed the last two Wimbledon due to injuries and has come back for one last time before retiring.

"When I saw this crowd, I thought, 'That was worth it for these two years, struggling, doing therapy, all kinds of therapy, being up and down,' he said. 'It was worth it to get to the final and come back and be today on Centre Court.'"

Ivanisevic made the most of it — playing to the crowd, hammering it up and blowing kisses.

After closing out the match, Ivanisevic crossed himself and held out his arms, soaking up the applause.

Capriati teams with new coach for Wimbledon

BY JOHN PVE

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Jennifer Capriati is working with former U.S. Davis Cup captain Tom Gullickson at Wimbledon, ending a brief stint with Heinz Günthardt after the French Open.

Gullickson supervised Capriati's hitting session against French Open champion Anastasia Myskina

on Sunday. "She knew I was going to be here, she asked me to help her out and I said, 'Sure, why not?'" said Gullickson, who briefly coached Pete Sampras. His brother, Tim Gullickson, was Sampras' long-time coach.

Günthardt helped Capriati reach the French Open semifinals, which she lost to Myskina. Capriati, a former French and

Australian Open champion, didn't give a reason for the split.

Gullickson said he and Capriati hadn't spoken about the coaching arrangement extending beyond Wimbledon.

COACH BORIS: French Open champion Anastasia Myskina is getting some tips from an unexpected source — Boris Yeltsin.

Myskina beat Elena Dementieva in an all-Russian women's final in the French final. The pair subsequently met with President Vladimir Putin and had lunch with Yeltsin, a former president.

"For us, Boris Yeltsin is like a grandpa. He watched all the matches, and he knows everything about tennis," Myskina said Sunday. "He kept telling us how to play. He told us, 'Hit more down the line' or 'Improve your serve.'"

Yeltsin told them he plans to come to Wimbledon for the first week to watch. "He said, 'So you girls better win,'" Myskina said.

Russian women have won two grass-court titles in the last two weeks — Maria Sharapova at Birmingham and Svetlana Kuznetsov at Eastbourne.

"That shows that the (Russian) girls really want to win and they know how to win now," she said. "We have great competition between each other and we push each other."

AUSTRALIA CALLING: Jelena Dokic is thinking about representing Australia again three years after her family left the country.

The Dokic family has settled in Serbia-Montenegro, although Jelena has distanced herself from her father and former coach, Damir Dokic, who has been kicked out of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open after outbursts, last year said he never wanted to speak to his daughter again.

More recently, he told an English newspaper he wanted Jelena tested for drugs, criticized her

"Beautiful," he said. "It's the first time I walked on Centre Court for the first round in my whole Wimbledon career. New, nice grass, very green. Unbelievable feeling."

Navratilova is the oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon since Britain's Madeline O'Neill reached the third round in 1922 at the age of 54.

Navratilova's victory was a big turnaround from her singles appearance last month in the French Open, when she lost in straight sets in the first round to Gisela Dulko of Argentina.

Dulko beat Jelena Dokic 6-3, 6-3 on Monday to set up a rematch with Navratilova in the second round.

Turning to critics who thought she couldn't be competitive again, Navratilova said, "You guys didn't believe me. Now do you believe me?"

Navratilova was back in her element on her favorite grass surface at the club where she made her debut 31 years ago. Winner of six straight titles from 1982-87, she hadn't played singles at Wimbledon since losing in the 1994 final to Conchita Martinez.

After receiving a warm ovation from the crowd on Court 2, known as the "graveyard of champions," Navratilova took charge immediately. She played a style rarely seen in tennis these days: She served and volleyed from the first point, she shipped and charged on the returns, she hit for angles rather than power.

Castano, ranked No. 102 and playing only her second match at the All England Club, looked right being a Wimbledon icon and put up little resistance until late in the match.

"It's almost like playing my Mom," said Castano, whose mother is 50.

Navratilova was up 5-0 after just 16 minutes when the match was stopped for 40 minutes by rain. There were several other rain delays during the afternoon, with more bad weather forecast this week.

After the delay, Navratilova picked up where she left off, breaking to win the first set and bringing to a 5-0 lead in the second set.

Castano finally picked up her game, breaking service for 5-1 and forcing a break point in the next game. It took Navratilova five match points before she finally closed out the contest.



Tennis notes

Serbia's Jelena Dokic was defeated by Argentina's Gisela Dulko 6-3, 6-3 on Monday in the first round at Wimbledon.

new coach and boyfriend and promised to come to Wimbledon to resolve his differences with his daughter.

Jelena Dokic declined to comment to The Associated Press on speculation that she had asked for extra security at the All England Club to protect her from her father. Tournament organizers also wouldn't comment.

Dokic, a former Wimbledon semifinalist, is thinking of returning to Australia because "it's something I feel I should do."

"I spent a lot of my years there," Dokic said. "I played for Australia and maybe I should go back."

She's missed the last three Australian Opens after her father accused organizers of rigging the draw against her in 2001. She entered the tournament but withdrew, citing poor conditioning.

"I'm trying to make up my mind, and I would really like to go back," she said.



Ryan Newman's victory at Michigan marked the six-month anniversary for Nextel as sponsor of NASCAR's premier stock-car racing series.

Nextel, NASCAR seems to be perfect marriage

BY MATT MARKLEY

Toledo Blade

Commentary

BROOKLYN, Mich. — The honeymoon is a long way from over, but the early reviews are in. Nextel's union with NASCAR seems to be a winner.

The dowry was significant — Nextel will pay \$700 million over the course of the 10-year deal that has made it the lead sponsor for the popular racing series. With more than 75 million fans, stock-car racing offered Nextel an opportunity hard to find elsewhere.

The relationship was announced exactly one year ago, and with the weekend's DHL 400 at Michigan International Speedway, Nextel has completed six months on line as the official partner of NASCAR. Nextel replaces RJ Reynolds Tobacco as title sponsor of the series, which was known for the past 33 years as the Winston Cup.

Nextel has not sold any cell phones at the track, but it hopes to be sowing a crop of goodwill that will bring future profits.

"We came in with a great deal of respect for what Winston did for the sport," Mike Mooney, director of Nextel's NASCAR communications effort, said. "They helped take it to a new level."

Once the deal was struck, Nextel spent the next six months working behind the scenes to prepare for its introduction during the Daytona 500 in February as NASCAR's new partner.

"It was important to let Winston go out gracefully. They earned that," Mooney said.

After the paperwork was signed, the task of transforming all of the tracks from the bright red banner of Winston to the bright red and black of Nextel began. That huge undertaking — changing every piece of marking from old sponsor to new — is not yet complete. Three of the more than two dozen tracks are yet to be converted, but those are steps the series will make later this year.

"The tracks have always been a sea of red, and now it is a sea of yellow," Mooney said. "We've changed over 1,000 major pieces of branding — the biggest signs. That is the basic blocking and tackling of the sport and it had to be done first."

Mooney said that Nextel, NASCAR, and the drivers and fans who were consulted agreed there was a lot of work to be done before a single cell phone went up for sale at any track. Nextel also has a huge advantage over Winston, whose advertising was severely limited since it is a tobacco product.

"We knew that we had to first earn the respect of the racing fans, and many of the drivers told us that once you do, you can have a very successful relationship," Mooney said. "We're not here to push phones on people; we don't do business like that. We're trying to build that relationship, and we think that when racing fans have a choice to make, they'll look at Nextel."

Getting its name spread around at the track involves more than 7,200 large banners throughout the circuit, more than 1,500 flags at each track and more than 10,000 barrel covers for trash cans.

Nextel also came out with a checkered flag-pattern racing phone, and special edition cell phones that feature 10 drivers.

"There are plans for a lot more in the future, but this is an evolving relationship. It's a constant work in motion," Mooney said.

"It took 33 years for Winston to build the model for this kind of sponsorship, and we're only six months into it, but the size and scope of this is what Nextel had hoped it would be, and it is growing every day."

S. Carolina too much for LSU

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kevin Melillo, ejected and reinstated after a collision at home plate, finished with four hits to lead South Carolina to a 5-4 victory over LSU on Monday in an elimination game in the College World Series.

The Gamecocks trailed 3-1 before scoring six runs, four unearned, with two runs in the sixth.

South Carolina had the bases loaded with two outs when Nick Gardiner singled to right off Lane Mestepay (7-4). Landon Powell scored easily, but Melillo collided with LSU catcher Matt Luzzia after the ball bounced under Luzzia's glove. Umpire Bob Homolka called Melillo safe, but immediately ejected him for not trying to avoid the collision.

South Carolina coach Ray Tanner protested and, after the umpiring crew consulted with supervisor Dave Yeast, Homolka's decision was reversed and Melillo was reinstated.

Jim Paronto, secretary-editor of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, said in a statement that Homolka initially believed the collision was caused by a flagrant act by Melillo but it was later determined that it was not.

It was the second CWS game in which the collision rule came into play. Georgia shortstop Justin Holmes was ejected from hitting Arizona catcher Nick Hundley in the Bulldogs' 8-7 victory. Holmes was out on the play.

The Gamecocks went on to score four more runs in the inning, three on throwing errors by the Tigers. South Carolina added six more runs in the eighth.

South Carolina (51-16) will face either Cal State Fullerton or Miami in another elimination-round game Tuesday.

LSU (46-19) was knocked out of the CWS in two games for the second year in a row by South Carolina.

In a Sunday night game:

Texas 9, Georgia 3: David Maroul's three-run



South Carolina's Kevin Melillo scores after colliding in the sixth inning with LSU catcher Matt Luzzia.

double helped Texas' five-run first inning, and Seth Johnston and Dooley Prince had four hits apiece to lead the Longhorns.

The top-seeded Longhorns earned the inside track to a spot in the best-of-three championship series. They will go to the finals next weekend by beating the winner of Tuesday's Georgia-Arizona game.

Texas (57-13), which beat Arkansas 13-2 in the first round, has outscored its opponents by a combined 71-21 in seven NCAA tournament games. The Longhorns are batting .361 in the tournament.

The Longhorns had their first three batters reach against Sean Ruthven, who needed 55 pitches in the opening inning.

Johnston and Carson Kainer drove in runs before Maroul's bases-loaded double into the left-field corner made it 5-0.

Georgia (44-22) scored once in the first on Josh Morris' sacrifice fly and twice in the fifth on Marshall Szabo's single and Josh Morris' groundout.

New Jersey gives Tyson a license

The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Mike Tyson was granted a boxing license Monday in New Jersey, a state he walked away from nearly six years ago after swearing at regulators during a licensing hearing.

"He's been behaving himself for quite some time," Athletic Commissioner Larry Hazzard said.

The 38-year-old former heavyweight champion, who has fought only three times in the last four years, was granted a license by the state on behalf of the state Athletic Control Board.

The Board has been in talks with Tyson's camp for six months and Tyson filed the application last week, Hazzard said.

Asked whether New Jersey authorities were concerned about Tyson's reputation for violence, he hit Evander Holyfield during a 1997 title fight — Hazzard said: "That was a consideration and it has been discussed."

In the 1998 hearing before the state Athletic Control Board, Tyson apologized for biting Holyfield and presented character witnesses who urged regulators to give him another chance. But at the end of the hearing, he got angry and refused to read a prepared closing statement.

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"I don't want to say it now, 'cause I'm angry," he said. When lawyer Anthony Fusco Jr., tried to calm him, he swore.

Tyson withdrew his application the next day.

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's manager, said the boxer hopes to fight former European champion Danny Williams on July 30 in Louisville, Ky., but that the date isn't official yet.

The fight would be Tyson's first since June 22, 2003, when he knocked out Clifford Etienne in 49 seconds in Memphis, Tenn.

After that, he would fight in New Jersey before the year ends, Hazzard said.

Armstrong loses legal battle over controversial book

PARIS — A court Monday rejected Lance Armstrong's attempt to force a publisher to insert the star cyclist's claim of doping allegations into copies of a new book about him.

The five-time Tour de France winner wanted publisher La Martiniere to insert a notice into "L.A. Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong," with his rebuttal against doping claims in the book.

Judge Catherine Bezio called Armstrong's request an "abuse" of the legal system and ordered him to pay the authors and publisher a symbolic \$1.20 fine.

The French-language book, which hit bookstores in France last week, was written by David Walsh and Pierre Ballesster and relies in part on allegations by a former Armstrong assistant, Emma O'Reilly.

Athens torch reaches Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The Olympic torch touched down Monday in Europe on its last relay leg of the world's five continents before the opening of the Olympics in Athens in August.

The torch was driven in a convoy of six cars to the port city of Antwerp, home of the 1920 games. From there, it started a European tour of 17 cities, including all which have previously hosted Olympic games, including London, Moscow, Stockholm, Rome and Barcelona.

Ralf Schumacher released from hospital after Indy crash

INDIANAPOLIS — A punctured tire, probably from debris left on the track after an earlier crash, caused the spin that sent Ralf Schumacher into the wall during the U.S. Grand Prix, a team spokesman said Monday.

Schumacher spent the night at a hospital as a precaution and was released Monday morning. He planned to return home to Austria but will skip a scheduled test session this week in Spain.

"Ralf is well, but has a bruised back and strained back muscles," said Liam Clough, media manager for the BMW Williams team.

A perfect Father's Day gift

Griffey Jr.'s 500th home run a proud moment for Dad

BY BERNIE MIKLASZ

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Commentary

ST. LOUIS — On Father's Day, most dads can count on receiving the usual array of gifts. Ties, socks, cologne, a book, maybe a golf shirt. There's no such thing as a bad present from a loving child, but some offerings are better than others.

Sunday at Busch Stadium, Ken Griffey Jr. gave his pops a one-of-a-kind gift, something that father and son will remember for the rest of their lives. In the sixth inning of Cincinnati's 6-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, Junior gave Senior a piece of history: his 500th career home run, delivered with a swing and a kiss.

After Griffey Jr. made his triumphant tour around the bases, he accepted back-slapping congrats from Reds teammates and jogged to the dugout railing to hug his father.

"Happy Father's Day," Junior told his dad. "I love you."

Goose bumps. Baseball as Opera. And why not? This shared experience obviously made the Griffey's feel good, but the obvious warmth between father and son could be savored by fans and families who witnessed the sentimental moment.

Griffey Sr. was a very good major league player. He spent 19 years in the show and had 2,143 hits and 147 home runs. He was a line-drive hitter, a gap shooter. Home runs weren't his specialty, though Griffey the elder did swat 152.

And through most of those baseball summers, The Kid took it all in, learning by watching, seeing the game through his father's eyes, and putting the family genes and a young man's dreams to marvelous use. In some ways, Sunday's No. 500 was the culmination of the Griffey's baseball lives.

Over the previous three-plus seasons, Griffey Jr.'s body and splendid athleticism were cruelly pushed off baseball's main stage by a series of debilitating injuries. Griffey disappeared into the trainer's room for physical-therapy sessions, losing years and prominence. Broken down and frustrated, Junior became baseball's forgotten superstar. Even the home-town fans in Cincinnati turned on Griffey. And the old man suffered along with the son.

So this 500th home run represented so many things. A body, repaired. Prestige, restored. A comeback, completed. A career, validated.

Griffey's famously magnificent smile, returned.

Father and son shared this journey of delights and depression, so naturally they would meet at the end of the yellow brick road, right there by the Reds' dugout.

"That's who I wanted to be like," Griffey Jr. said of his father.

"He's the one who taught me how to play. He's still telling me how to play. He's there when I need him ... and sometimes when I don't."

Griffey, 34, became the 20th major league player to hit 500 homers.

The home run has lost statistical luster in modern baseball culture, devalued by small ball parks, reduced strike zones, super-sized sluggers and still pitching. Griffey's chase for 500 generated only moderate interest and hardly resembled the traveling media circus we've associated with previous 500 quests.

Home runs are common, but Griffey is no commoner. He's worthy of admission to the 500 club. Had he enjoyed uninterrupted good health, Griffey would be closing in on 600 by now. He has handled this pursuit with good cheer. He's just thrilled to be playing again and performing at a high level. And when asked about hitting 600 or 700 home runs, Griffey politely refuses to look ahead; he just wants to treasure each day now.

Sunday afternoon, class and comfort could be found in all corners of Busch Stadium. Cardinals legend Stan Musial showed up to wish Griffey well. The Man's charm worked magically. Cardinals fans graciously responded to the landmark homer by temporarily turning Busch into a home ballpark for Griffey. The ovation was sincere and sweet. And Griffey was touched.

"They're the greatest fans in



Cincinnati Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. gets a big hug from his father Ken Griffey Sr., as his oldest son Trey watches, after hitting his 500th career home run in the sixth inning in St. Louis on Sunday.

baseball," he said, "and they proved it again today."

And then there was Mark Crumley, the personable Southern Illinois Carbondale student who caught No. 500. He gave it to Griffey without demanding compensation or consulting an auction house. To return the favor, Griffey and teammates showered Crumley with gifts, including Griffey's game-worn No. 30 jersey.

When player and fan met, Crumley made an interesting observation that carried symbolic meaning.

"I didn't expect him to be that tall," Crumley said.

Sunday, Griffey's 500th home run became a Father's Day tribute to his dad, and it served as an announcement to the baseball world: After a few summers of slumped shoulders, Junior stands tall again.

Schmidt's stature increases with latest one-hitter

BY JOSH DUBOW

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Schmidt might not get the attention of some of baseball's more heralded pitchers. But after shutting down Boston's vaunted lineup, it's time he gets mentioned with any of the other greats.

Schmidt became the first pitcher to shut out Boston this year, throwing his second one-hitter of the season in the San Francisco Giants' 4-0 victory Sunday.

"It's only June and he's already pitched two one-hitters. We believe every time he takes the mound he has a shot at pitching a no-hitter," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "That's the way I felt about Pedro Martinez when he pitched for me."

"You have to go to pitchers like that, Nolan Ryan, Roger Clemens, Pedro Martinez, [Curt] Schilling, [Randy] Johnson, to find one who throw one-hitters within a couple of months of each other."

Before Schmidt's 1-0 victory over the Cubs last month, no Giant had thrown a no-hitter since Scott Garretts in 1990. Now Schmidt is the first San Francisco pitcher to put together two games this good in one season since Gay-

lord Perry threw a no-hitter and a one-hitter in 1968.

"I like this one better," Schmidt said. "I can say today I actually felt good. I felt sharp. All my pitches were working. It felt smooth today."

Schmidt (9-2) struck out nine and walked two in his 15th career shutout and the first against Boston since Sept. 17. The only blemish in 133 pitches was Kevin Youkilis' clean double to lead off the sixth inning.

Schmidt has won nine straight decisions, the longest winning streak for a Giants pitcher since Rick Reuschel also won nine straight in 1989.

"He's a pretty explosive pitcher," Boston's Jason Varitek said. "You see that same kind of stuff, but you don't often see that kind of location with it."

Schmidt's brilliance and Edgardo Alfonzo's grand slam helped San Francisco win the first meaningful series between the franchises since Boston won the 1912 World Series against the New York Giants.

Boston starter Bronson Arroyo (2-6) was effectively wild, holding the Giants scoreless until the seventh despite working five and hitting a batter.



Giants pitcher Jason Schmidt pitched a complete game one-hitter against the Red Sox on Sunday to win his ninth straight decision.

Arroyo was replaced with one out in the seventh after allowing a double to Michael Tucker and walking Marquis Grissom to bring up Barry Bonds.

Alan Embree got Bonds to hit a high fly to shallow left that fell be-

tween left fielder Kevin Millar and third baseman Youkilis.

Millar picked up the ball and fired to shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who appeared to get the force at third; even Alfonzo thought Tucker was out.

But second base umpire Sam Holbrook called Tucker safe, prompting a boisterous argument from Red Sox manager Terry Francona, who was ejected.

"The umpire told me he beat the throw. The replays don't matter," Francona said. "There's nothing I can do about it."

Alfonzo greeted Mike Timlin with a homer into the left-field seats that made it 4-0. Alfonzo also hit a tiebreaking two-run shot in the eighth inning Saturday to give the Giants a 6-4 win.

"With the bases loaded, I just want to try to get the ball to the outfield and score a run," he said. "I was able to make something happen."

Schmidt ran into his only trouble in the sixth. After Youkilis' double, Arroyo tried to bunt the runner over, but missed on the third strike and walked toward the dugout.

But A.J. Pierzynski, crossed up on the play, dropped the ball and someone in the Boston dugout alerted Arroyo, who scampered to first to reach on the passed ball.

"That was a bonehead play by me," Pierzynski said. "Fortunately it didn't hurt us."

Schmidt bore down, retiring the next three hitters to end the threat.

Showtime showdown

Gagne closes door as Dodgers take series from Yanks

BY BETH HARRIS

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LOS ANGELES — With two outs in the eighth and a man on second, Eric Gagne came on to face Alex Rodriguez, the potential tying run.

After working the count to 2-2, the NL Cy Young winner challenged A-Rod with a fastball down the middle. The AL MVP swung through it.

"It was a fun at-bat. He just beat me fair and square," Rodriguez said. "That's what makes him so good. He has a lot in his repertoire to get you out with and he throws strikes. It was a fun challenge."

Gagne then finished for his major league-record 81st straight save, preserving Los Angeles' 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

"Gagne's fun to watch if you're not sitting in our dugout," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Gagne gave up a homer to Jason Giambi leading off the ninth before getting his second save of the series between teams that have met 11 times in the World Series, but not since 1981. "With all the hype and all the buildup, it played itself out to a T," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "It was a terrific series. It was great for our young players to get a taste of what it's like three months down the road."

The Yankees lost their first series since dropping two of three at Texas on May 21-23.

"Other than that, it was a good series," shortstop Derek Jeter

"You couldn't even hear yourself out there. I thought Friday was loud, but tonight was louder. It was awesome."

Paul Lo Duca
Dodgers catcher

said. "It was fun to come here. I enjoyed it."

Shawn Green triggered a four-run second inning with a homer and Jose Lima shrugged off consecutive home runs to Hideki Matsui and Miguel Cairo for the Dodgers.

"It feels good when you beat the Yankees because of the tradition between these two ballclubs," Lima said. "We got the best bullpen in baseball so I don't panic."

The matchup of division leaders set a franchise weekend attendance record of 165,240. Sunday's game drew \$5,157, third-largest in Dodger Stadium history. Friday night's game attracted the largest crowd of \$5,207.

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After Gagne gave up a homer to Giambi, the fourth the closer

has allowed this season, he retired Gary Sheffield on a ground-out, Jorge Posada on a flyout to left and struck out Matsui looking for his 18th save of the season.

"The intensity was great," Torre said. "I still look at these games as exhibition games. I know they count in the standings, but I think the players appreciated the energy that came out of this weekend. We're just sorry about losing two out of three."

The Yankees cut their deficit to 4-3 in the seventh on Matsui's two-out RBI triple off reliever Tom Martin. Giambi led off with a single off Lima (5-3), took second on Sheffield's single and moved to third when Posada hit into a double play.

Dave Roberts doubled and sped all the way home when Matsui misplayed the ball in left field for a two-base error, giving the Dodgers a 5-3 lead in the bottom half. The ball bounced past Matsui on the rubber warning track and he chased it down near the Dodgers' bullpen.

"I was thinking two. I saw the ball get by him and at that point, I was thinking four," Roberts said. "There was a lot of silence when I was running and then an eruption when I got to home plate."

Green led off the second with his ninth homer on a 3-1 pitch from Jose Contreras (4-3). A sacrifice fly by Juan Encarnacion drove in Lo Duca, who doubled and took third on a single by Adrián Beltré. A two-out single by Roberts scored Beltré. Alex Cora, who singled, giving the Dodgers a 4-0 lead.



Los Angeles stopper Eric Gagne reacts after striking out New York's Hideki Matsui for the final out in the Dodgers' 5-4 victory over the Yankees on Sunday night. Gagne converted his 81st consecutive save.

The beat goes on for Tampa

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — With their closer absent, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays found another way to cope.

Victor Zambrano, who is scheduled to start Wednesday in Toronto, worked an inning in relief, Trevor Miller got one out and Jesus Colome faced four batters and got five outs to seal the Devil Rays' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday — their 11th straight victory.

"We have a nice defensive ballclub," manager Lou Piniella said. "[Dany] Baez, his wife is having a baby. We couldn't use him. We put Zambrano in the bullpen to see if we needed him, and we did."

The Devil Rays had scored 65 runs in 10 games to tie the San Francisco Giants for the best winning streak in the majors. This time, they made do with limited offense.

Robert Fick, a late addition to the lineup, tripled in the eventual winning run and Rocco Baldelli had a sacrifice fly. The rest was pitching and defense.

"Nobody saw this coming," said Carl Crawford, who scored both runs. "We knew we could win, but 11 in a row, I think, kind of surprised everybody. We're playing team baseball right now."

Piniella moved past Miller Hug-

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gins into 20th place among managers with 1,414 victories. Piniella's teams have five streaks of 10 or more victories. His 2001 Seattle team won 15 straight.

Fick was playing for Jose Cruz Jr., who was hit by a pitch Saturday and was scratched from the lineup Sunday because of a resulting bruise on the back of his left leg. Fick's triple came in the third and put Tampa Bay up 2-0.

The Giants won 10 straight last month. Minnesota won 11 in a row last September.

The Devil Rays improved to major league-best 11-1 in interleague play.

Mark Hendrickson (5-5), who is 3-0 in four starts in June, had worked into the eighth inning in two previous outings, but weakened earlier this time and lasted only six.

The Diamondbacks loaded the bases on three singles with no outs in the fifth, but got only one run as Shea Hillenbrand scored from third when Brian Jutto hit into a double play.

Hendrickson, who threw 26 pitches in the fifth after giving up only 46 in the first four innings,

pitched a perfect sixth and batted in the Tampa Bay seventh. Arizona starter Brandon Webb (3-7) walked him, and Hendrickson cooled off as Fick singled and Webb walked Baldelli to load the bases.

Hendrickson said he had nosebleeds before the game because of the dry air and felt his calf tighten on a pitch to Brito in the fifth.

"I had pleases of liquids in me, but I think he (Piniella) just wanted to take me out for a caution," said Hendrickson, who allowed one run on five hits and a walk.

Zambrano replaced Hendrickson to start the seventh. Miller came on in the eighth and allowed a double by Chad Tracy and a single by Scott Hairston before striking out Steve Finley.

Colome relieved and got Danny Bautista to ground into an inning-ending double play, then pitched a perfect ninth for his second save in as many chances.

In another game Sunday,

Blue Jays 3, Padres 0: Light-hitting Orlando Hudson homered off Brian Lawrence (8-5), and Miguel Batista (5-5) and Jason Frasor combined on a seven-hit effort for visiting Toronto.

Padres catcher Ramon Hernandez had to be helped off the field after being injured making a put-out at the plate in the seventh.



Tampa Bay's Carl Crawford rounds third in the third inning Sunday on the way to scoring what proved to be the deciding run against Arizona.

SPORTS

Ex-Wimbledon winners move on



Venus Williams hits a shot to Marie-Gayanay Mikaelian during her first-round victory at Wimbledon on Monday. Williams was among several former champions to advance on the first day. See story on Page 26.



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Phil Mickelson reacts after making a putt for birdie on the fourth green during the final round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills on Sunday.

Not the same ol' Lefty now

Mickelson a different player, despite familiar Open finish

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson is a changed man, even if the ending looked all too familiar.

The lasting image of the 104th U.S. Open is not the six pressure-packed putts Retief Goosen made down the stretch to win his second major, but Lefty missing two short putts on the 71st hole that cost him a chance to go to Scotland next month chasing the third leg of the Grand Slam.

The first miss from 5 feet knocked him out of the lead. The second miss from 4 feet sealed his fate.

Same ol' Phil, right? Not anymore. This was merely a hiccup, not a trend.

The biggest difference between Sunday at Shinnecock Hills and Sunday in so many other majors is that no one expected Mickelson to mess it up.

This time, it was shocking. "I thought it was going to come down to the 18th hole," Goosen said. "I didn't really expect Phil to make a double (bogey) at 17." Mickelson's victory in the Masters made this U.S. Open look more like a close call than a blown opportunity.

"I've played what I think is very good golf for me," Mickelson

said after his 71 left him two shots behind Goosen. "I feel like I'm onto good things. I feel like my preparation is better. I feel like my overall game is a better fit for this very tough test of golf."

Jack Nicklaus saw it coming late last year in the Presidents Cup, when Mickelson became the first American to lose all five matches. Lefty kept his spirits up, and worked harder than ever.

Nicklaus had a strong premonition that Lefty would be wearing a green jacket.

He also had a bad feeling watching Mickelson on the 17th green Sunday at Shinnecock Hills, especially after Goosen made a 12-foot birdie on the 16th hole to tie him for the lead.

"Here you are standing on 17, needing to make a putt to save par, and Retief birdies," Nicklaus said after watching the U.S. Open from his home in Florida.

"It made Phil's putt a lot longer," he said. "I've had it happen to me many times. You miss that first one, and suddenly you get frozen over the second. Because of what's going through your mind at the time, it's difficult to prepare yourself for the second putt. It's a shame for Phil, because he played a wonderful U.S. Open."

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